

STRATEGIC ISSUES COMMITTEE

Group requests student opinion

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the educational focus of Missouri Southern heads toward the year 2000, College officials have devised a new planning committee that focuses on preparation for the next century.

The strategic issues committee, chaired by Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, includes Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology; Dr. Larry Martin, dean of arts and sciences; Jim Gray, dean of the school of business; Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of the school of education; Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research; Richard Massa, head of the communications department; Doug Carnahan, dean of students; Tia Strait, Faculty Senate president; Grant Miller, Student Senate president; and five additional faculty members.

Strategic Issues Committee

FOCUSING ON THE 21ST CENTURY
(all meetings held in Matthews auditorium)

POLITICAL/ECONOMIC

CHAIR: TOM SIMPSON
MEETING: 2:30 P.M. TUESDAY

DEMOGRAPHICS

CHAIR: DR. DELORES HONEY
MEETING: 3 P.M. WEDNESDAY

SOCIAL

CHAIR: DR. BETSY GRIFFIN
MEETING: 2:30 P.M. THURSDAY

TECHNOLOGY

CHAIR: RICHARD MASSA
MEETING: 2:30 P.M. FRIDAY

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Tiede said the four sub-committees in areas of demographics (chaired by Honey), political/economical (chaired by Tom Simpson, assistant professor of political science), technology (chaired by Massa), and social (chaired by Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology department) must give a report at each main committee meeting. According to Tiede, any student or faculty member may attend the various sub-committee meetings Oct. 8-11.

"Students are the customers, and it gives us real insight to know what they want and need from the College," Tiede said.

Simpson agreed with Tiede that student input was essential for the meetings to be a success, but also said credit for the committee's emergence should also be given to Leon, who was key in organizing the project.

"Our mission as teachers is to teach," Simpson said. "And the way our institution looks for innovative ways in our approach to the future has to be heartwarming for the students." □

MILLS ANDERSON JUSTICE CENTER



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Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan aims a laser-guided training pistol in a meeting room of the Mills Anderson Justice Center during the center's ground-breaking on its upcoming building additions Wednesday. The construction is being done by R.E. Smith Construction of Joplin.

Carnahan helps dig in on building additions

State dignitaries officially begin project

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Ground has now officially been broken, and all of Missouri Southern and especially those in the criminal justice department can breathe a collective sigh of relief.

Gov. Mel Carnahan along with several other state and College dignitaries tore into the earth Wednesday morning to signify the beginning of work done to update the Mills Anderson Justice Center. The building's namesake was on hand as well.

However, that hasn't stopped R.E. Smith Construction from already tear-

ing down trees and leveling the ground at the work site. It was only a mere 30 seconds after the governor stopped speaking that workers started up the backhoes and bulldozers again.

Before the assembled luminaries grabbed their shovels, College President Julio Leon joked with the governor about the progress of the center expansion.

"As you can see, governor, we've already gotten started, and kind of gotten carried away," Leon said.

Carnahan told the audience of more than 200 the expansion project at the criminal justice building takes care of two of his main goals as governor.

"This project expands educational



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Rep. Chuck Surface (left, R-Joplin), Board of Regents president, and Gov. Mel Carnahan shovel the ceremonial dirt to officially begin Center construction.

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ENROLLMENT

Freshmen enrollment drops 7%

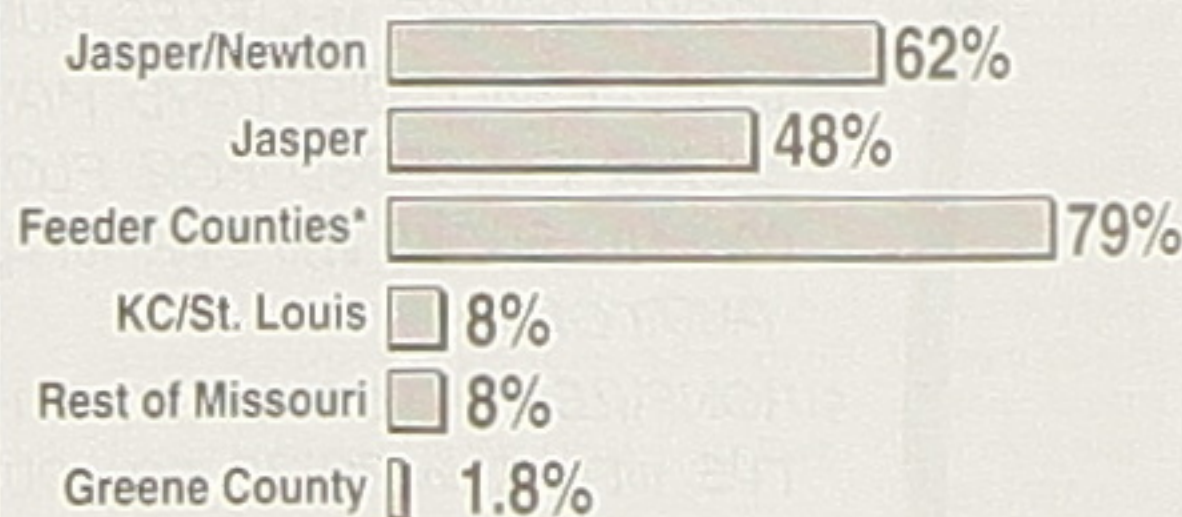
By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Freshmen enrollment at Missouri Southern has declined slightly since last fall, but College President Julio Leon says the drop is not noteworthy.

"I don't think the number of freshmen that we are down is significant," he said. "It is only about 50 students down from last fall; that is not a downward trend."

Last fall, 799 freshmen enrolled

Where We're From ...



*Feeder counties include Barry, Barton, McDonald, Jasper, Lawrence, Newton, Vernon, Dade, Greene

RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

at Southern. This year, the number is 746, a 7 percent decrease.

"We are dealing with students out of high school who are having to deal with higher Southern admission requirements as well as higher state requirements," said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional

research. "Some high school students may not be applying because they don't think they can get in."

All high school graduates now must meet the core requirements

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STUDENT SERVICES

Rules lack 'sportsmanship' clause

Guidelines stipulate size, placement; not negative pranks

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

People wanting to post signs anywhere on campus have to follow numerous rules and regulations in the process, but there is no sportsmanship clause.

All of the guidelines for posters, announcements, and notices are listed on page 22 of Missouri Southern's student handbook. There are guidelines stipulating the maximum size a poster should be, the legal locations for placement of posters, and the requirement of approval through student

services, among others.

What is not included on the list of guidelines, however, are regulations regarding sportsmanship, prohibiting the defacement of posters, or negative pranks or attacks between organizations.

"We obviously can't make rules to legislate everything," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

At last week's Student Senate meeting, signs crafted by the Modern Communications Club (MCC) denouncing criminal justice Homecoming candidates were brought in for discussion.

Apparently, the MCC was not the only culprit in the "prank" against the criminal justice Homecoming candidates. The Wesley Foundation

SIGN REGULATIONS*

- Must be approved in BSC.
- Must contain the name of the organization or the individual.
- Must be smaller than 22"x 28"
- 5-sign limit per building.
- Must be posted on general-use bulletin boards only.
- Cannot be placed on cars.
- Off-campus groups must get approval of Student Services.

*Regulations as listed in the 1995-97 Missouri Southern student handbook

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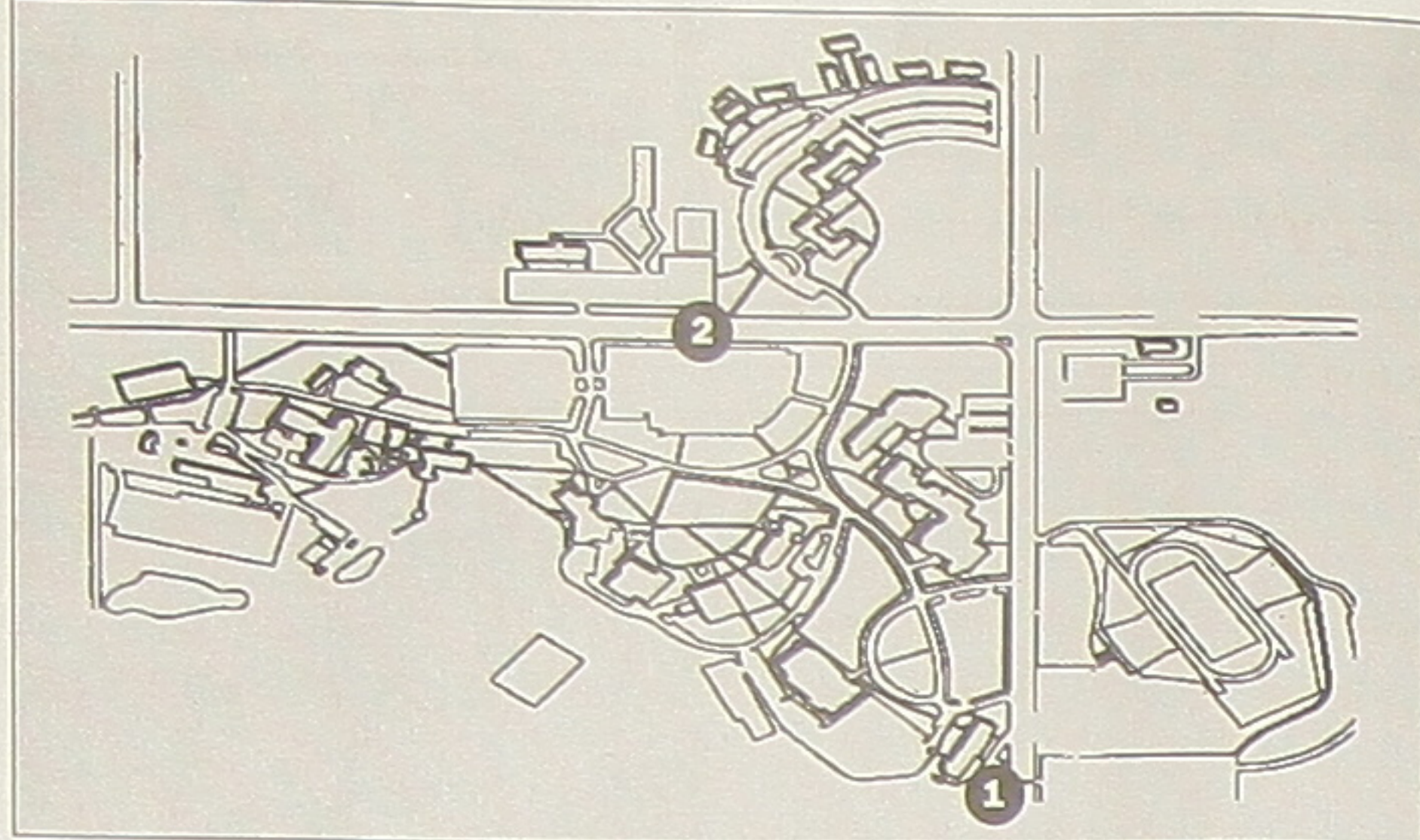
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SPORTS:

After kicking the CMSU Mules 42-29 Saturday, the Missouri Southern football Lions moved up 10 spots in the NCAA Division II polls to No. 4.....page 12



SECURITY REPORT



- 1** 09/27/96 TAYLOR HALL 1 p.m. Jacqueline Connel, senior secondary education major, parked her 1994 Ford Explorer in the parking lot in front of Taylor Hall at 8 a.m. When she returned at 1 p.m., she discovered her vehicle had been broken into and her purse was missing. The purse contained two checkbooks, and a wallet containing \$33 in cash, a Sears card, an ATM card, and a driver's license.
- 2** 09/30/96 NEWMAN ROAD 2:55 p.m. Francis Hailey, Joplin resident, was driving on Newman Road by the College's main parking lot when the right side window in her 1989 Chevrolet Astro minivan exploded. Hailey stated College employees were cutting grass by the road and must have thrown an object which broke her window.

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TRANSFER STUDENTS

Orientation set for Nov. 15

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Every fall, Missouri Southern upperclassmen can always count on hearing new stories of how freshmen wandered into the wrong classroom, showed up in the wrong building, or lost their schedules.

However, some of those funny faux pas come from the antics of transfer students. Southern's transfers make up approximately 20 to 25 percent of the student body each year, according to Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research.

At the beginning of each semester, new transfer students make up 7 percent of the student body, according to enrollment numbers from 1993 through 1996.

However, unlike the freshmen class, transfer students are not required to take any type of orientation course.

"I think transfer students would

really resent taking orientation classes," said Dr. Linda Caldwell, director of counseling services.

Caldwell said an orientation day is available to transfer students, but because of their previous college experience they don't need such a large-scale acclimation process as the freshmen.

Janet Mahany, a senior English major, said having a tour is a good idea, and she said an emphasis should be placed on library knowledge.

"I was pretty comfortable as far as knowing where to go to get information," Mahany said of her early days at Southern.

The counseling office is where both Caldwell and Mahany recommend transfer students turn if they're lost.

"After I changed [my major] I went to the counseling office, and they helped me a lot," Mahany said.

"If students are lost, they can come into the counseling office and do a one-on-one," Caldwell said.

Transfer students coming in the

spring should have Nov. 15 marked on their calendars. That is the date of transfer student orientation day.

"Students arrive on campus in the morning to meet with deans and should be enrolled by the time they leave in the afternoon," Caldwell said.

Transfer students also make up a large block of Southern's graduating classes. Honey said the average graduating class has 35 percent transfer students.

"To me it's saying transfers come and stay and graduate," Honey said.

Honey said the impact of transfer students is large on this campus, especially in the graduate numbers. Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said recruiting emphasis is placed on transfer students.

However, with space becoming a premium on campus, the administration is wondering what the maximum capacity for Southern is.

Bitterbaum said once the College is sure about its growth, it will be more secure in its recruiting. □

FRESHMEN: Leon: Drop is not noteworthy

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of four units of English, three units of mathematics, three units of social studies, two units of science, one unit of visual performing art, and three units of core electives.

Honey said she would like help high school students meet

Southern's admission requirements while starting the process earlier than their senior year of high school.

"We would like to encourage high school sophomores and juniors to take the core curriculum that we and the state require," she said.

The majority of Southern's freshmen, 79 percent, come from "feed-

er counties," Barry, Barton, Dade, Greene, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, and Vernon counties.

"We have students who don't go far away to college," Honey said.

"They come here because of what we have to offer, our unique and strong programs, and we are still the most inexpensive four-year college in Missouri." □

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- 6 TALENT SHOW, 6:30 THE 10TH, WEBSTER AUDITORIUM
- 5 BONFIRE/YELL CONTEST, ECM LOT 8:30 THE 10TH. \$100 PRIZE TO LOUDEST GROUP!
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- 3 HOMECOMING DANCE, FRIDAY 7 TO MIDNIGHT, HOLIDAY INN PINE & CEDAR ROOMS
- 2 PARADE DOWN MAIN STREET, 10 A.M. THE 12TH
- 1 HOMECOMING GAME VS SOUTHWEST BAPTIST BEARCATS, 2:30. PREGAME ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDE WINNERS OF THE CAMPUS DISPLAY, FLOAT AND SWEEPSTAKES COMPETITIONS.

STUDENT SENATE

Cheerleader funds tumble

Squad pleads for \$2,000, receives \$1,500

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

New tumbling surfaces are what Missouri Southern's cheerleaders asked for, and the Student Senate granted them enough money to cover their cost.

Originally asking for \$2,000, the cheerleaders will have to do with the \$1,500 the Senate finance committee recommended and the body voted to give the group Wednesday night.

The finance committee also recommended that the cheerleaders earmark the money for the mats.

Because of a clause in the Student Senate constitution, a three-fifths vote is needed to pass any appropriation of more than \$1,000. The cheerleaders received more than the needed vote.

"We have asked for \$2,000 instead of \$1,000 because our needs are so great," said Linda Lunow, cheerleading sponsor.

Lunow went through a list of expenses the squad has, and added that Sallie Beard, women's athletic director, had asked that the squad go before the Senate only once this year.

Equipment needs were a high priority for the cheerleaders, Lunow also said.

"Shoes are the most important piece of equipment cheerleaders have," she explained.

Beard's directive to approach the Senate only once this year was another reason the cheerleaders were asking for more than the normal amount, Lunow said.

Jason Talley, junior senator, moved to close discussion on the matter and go straight to the vote. Talley's motion passed, and a vote

was taken with only one senator voting against the appropriation.

The Physical Education Majors club also received \$700 from the Senate. Next week Sigma Pi fraternity, Collegiate Middle Level Association, and the Social Science Club will go before the Senate asking for \$2,800 between the three organizations.

Senate President Grant Miller also told the body to expect to have Southern's administration before them in two weeks. In the past, some senators have been concerned with the administration's response to their requests and inquiries.

"Let's provide them with some pens and paper so they can take notes," Talley said.

Miller also went into detail about what he expects from Tuesday night diversification meetings at the Java House. Miller said the meeting formats are much looser and allow for freer discussion.

Coming out of Tuesday night's coffeehouse meeting was the plan to poll picnickers at next Friday's outdoor Homecoming luncheon about *Crossroads: The Magazine*. The magazine debate started last year when some senators pondered the thought of taking back the yearbook format.

The last *Crossroads* yearbook came out in 1993. Several unclaimed boxes of yearbooks are still being stored in the magazine office.

Miller also announced a voting registration booth will be located on the second-floor stairwell stoop in the Billingsly Student Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. Would-be voters can register for the November local, state, and national elections. □

DOGGY FLIGHT



John Glennon, a student at Pittsburg State University, tosses a frisbee to his aerobatic dogs during a physical education class in the oval Tuesday. The event was also sponsored by the PEM club.

RICK ROGERS/The Chart

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Adams' volunteer work pays off

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As a result of extensive volunteer work resulting in a valuable contribution to Missouri, one Missouri Southern faculty member was chosen to receive the Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity.

Dr. Wayne Adams, director of Southern's environmental health program, was a member of one of 10 teams chosen from 78 nominees. Adams said each of the teams was recognized by Gov. Mel Carnahan for "going a bit beyond the normal duties expected."

Adams' team took on the development of a sewage treatment bill.

"We worked on it for years," he said. "We worked on the development of the bill, and we worked to get it passed."

Adams said the team also worked on training programs for contractors, some of which he taught himself.

"I was able to take part in all of the phases of the project from start to finish," he said.

Adams said he cannot take full credit for the award. Not only did his fellow team members share the recognition, but he emphasizes that his relationship with the environmental health program is the reason he took on the project.

"We've also had terrible soils for septic systems. About half of the wells in the state test contaminated," he said.

The six-year project yielded a bill



Adams

that all sewage systems meet specific construction standards.

"In the past, there were no regulations," he said. "You could run it out into an open field unless your neighbors complained, and then it was only a misdemeanor with a \$25 fine."

He said the team project was strictly voluntary.

"We just did it because we felt like it needed to be done."

The award ceremony, held in Jefferson City in July, was followed by a reception at the Governor's Mansion.

Dr. John Messick, head of the biology department at Southern, said Adams has always been interested in seeking opportunities for community service. Messick said Adams was the reason Southern's environmental health program gained accreditation. □

JOPLIN FAMILY Y

SAFARI MANIA

Kiddie booster club on brink of extinction

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

The Safari Club has been put on the endangered species list this fall. With the first home football game last weekend, only five children had signed up for the Joplin Family Y program.

"The first year they had a whole bunch of kids who would come watch the football team every home game," said Jon Lantz, head football coach. "The players love it; they thought it was really neat, and it still is, to look down and see them on the bleachers in the end zone rooting for us."

Despite the low number of members, the children are still in the end zone rooting for the Lions along with Deanna McDonald, executive director of the club.

The club, promoted by the Missouri Southern Alumni Association, originated

three years ago when an alumna of Southern and a College staff member saw the Bleacher Creatures, a similar club at Pittsburg State University.

"They thought it would be a good thing to try at Southern to get children more involved in football," said McDonald, who is also program director at the Joplin Family Y.

The Safari Club meets during every regularly scheduled home football game. With membership, the children receive a Safari Club hat and free admission to regular-season home football games. They also get to join the cheerleaders on the field before the game to greet the players.

"I really like going on the field before the game because you get to high-five all of the football players," said 11-year-old Kenny Leemon of Joplin. Leemon has been a member of the club for two years.

Another perk for the members is the third-quarter walk around the stadium to cheer on the Lions.

For Jonathan Pickette, 6, of Joplin, who was also a member last year, this is the highlight of the night.

"I like to go around the track with the cheerleaders; they are so nice," he said. "Last year I walked around the track every game with the same girl."

McDonald said with more promotion of the club, membership should rise.

"We are announcing it during the football games, passing out bulletins in the local schools, and also promoting it at the Y," she said.

Membership is open for children 5 through 12 with a fee of \$15 per child per season. Anyone interested in signing up their child may contact the Joplin Family Y at 623-4597 or register at 510 Wall. □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Cheerleader Ashley Schwab (right) leads Jonathan Pickette around Southern's track during Saturday's Lions' football game.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

NCATE coming to town for College's teaching accreditation

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

On Saturday, Oct. 12 the teacher education program will undergo the beginning of a five-day evaluation by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for its continuing accreditation.

According to Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of the school of education, a team of three to five NCATE staff will be on campus Oct. 12-16. The visit will make sure the teacher education program is following the guidelines set by NCATE and continuing to make improvements.

"For initial accreditation, an institute must do a very involved self study and submit it prior to the first visit, where it must pass several standards set by NCATE," Horvath said. "Following initial accreditation, we submit a report each year on what we are doing to

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Dr. Michael Horvath
Dean, school of education

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improve our program. During the fifth year, a smaller field team comes onto campus and reviews all of the data we have gathered over the past five years."

The teacher education program was certified by NCATE in 1991, and to keep that certification it must undergo an evaluation every five years.

"They will go through all of the data we have collected for the last five years and make sure we are doing what we say we are doing," Horvath said. "[They will ensure] our programs are evolving, that we are getting better all of the time. They will be looking to see if we are looking at things that are going to help students be-

come better teachers in the future."

Missouri Southern is one of nine NCATE-certified programs in Missouri. Horvath sees several benefits to being accredited by NCATE.

"It is an assurance to students and their parents that this is a quality program," he said. "There are only about 500 programs in the country that have achieved this status."

"It is also nice to periodically have affirmation that we are doing the things we should be doing, and it gives our faculty recognition at a national level."

Horvath considers the success of the teacher education program and its students an achievement for the entire College.

"We are in the business of preparing teachers together," he said. "We have support from every area on campus."

"This honor will be a feather in the cap of the education faculty, but it is really a whole campus honor." □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

College becomes hub for area, world trade

Years from now, Missouri Southern's student body won't even remember when the College organized the International Trade and Quality Center, but it will likely still be making a contribution.

Starting with two seminars in October, the ITQC will begin what will likely become a series of international business-related events at Southern.

The ITQC, part of the school of business administration, hosts the first seminar from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 in Matthews Hall Room 102.

The cost of the seminar, titled "How to Find Overseas Customer," is \$125. It will be conducted by Brian Gauler, a 20-year veteran of the export business.

The second seminar will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 in Matthews Hall Room 204.

"International Trade: Getting Started" is the title of this seminar conducted by Robert Frueh of the St. Louis World Trade Center. Cost for this seminar is \$15 for World Trade Center members and \$25 for non-members.

The ITQC is a satellite of St. Louis' World Trade Center. □

November rings in new 'Newsmakers' shows

Missouri Southern Television is presenting two new "Newsmakers" programs featuring the Missouri Highway Patrol in one edition and Ozarks Public Television's 10th anniversary in another.

Both shows are hosted by Judy Stiles and can be seen on both MSTV and KOZJ.

The Highway Patrol show will feature Lt. Joe Swearingen and Sgt. Archie Dunn. The show ties in with a series of town hall meetings held around the state by the Highway Patrol.

The show airs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 on MSTV and again at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21.

KOZJ's anniversary show will feature KOZJ general manager Miff Dikeman and Sarah White, Ozarks Public Television general manager.

The program will look back at the decade since KOZJ first hit the airwaves. The guests will discuss topics like funding, programming, and local support for public television.

MSTV will air the show first at 8 p.m. Wednesday, and KOZJ will broadcast the program at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10.

Also on tap at MSTV is the return of "College Music Videos." Hosts Danny Craven and Kathleen Lailip will launch a new season of alternative music videos.

The new season begins tonight at 8:30. Viewers can catch the new season of "College Music Videos" only on MSTV. □

Famous crime lecturer to speak on campus

Famed author and expert witness Jack Enter will be the featured speaker at a seminar offered by Missouri Southern's criminal justice programs.

The seminar, "Profiling the Predator," will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in the Matthews Hall auditorium at a cost of \$65 per person.

Enter, an expert on crime trends and violent criminal behavior, has lectured before the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the Central Intelligence Agency, and England's New Scotland Yard, to name a few.

Enter also served as program director for information and education and as research associate assigned to the planning of the security and law enforcement components of the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Five minutes change life's career course

Five minutes, the amount of time it took to change the course of my collegiate voyage.

One conversation with one person led me to where I am today. A court-side chat at a get-to-know-one-another volleyball game was all it took. This not only led to a change in my major and my career goals, but also led to new friends and a new outlook on life.

I was a junior college transfer, and it was my first night at the new school. I heard about the volleyball game and decided I wasn't going to miss out on this chance to bump my way into life on campus. As I was taking a breather, another student in a baseball cap sat beside me and started talking.



P. Nicholas Parker
Associate Editor

First impression: dork, spoiled, and stuck on himself; where I came from working for the college newspaper was not something to be proud of. At least not something you brag about.

Two days later I had a friend. We discovered we had a class together, both of us having majors in the communications department. Mine leaned toward broadcasting and his that boring print journalism thing. The class we shared was Newswriting, a requirement for all mass communication majors, taught by the adviser for *The Chart*, the College's swell newspaper.

My brain had a sudden newsflash after the first couple of weeks. I enjoy interviewing, writing, and I even liked the few newspaper junkies I'd met. The turning point, however, was yet to come.

I decided to take a road trip with my newfound comrade while he covered a soccer game in Springfield. We lost. On the way back, in between talks about our girlfriends and the game, he asked me if I could help him out one week and write a story for him. Not wanting to sound like a wuss, I immediately answered in what I hoped was a confident voice, "Sure, I'll try anything once."

The one-week thing turned into a once-a-week ordeal, and I loved it. Before I knew it, I had made friends with most of the newspaper staff and was asking to learn more. I temporarily forgot my goals in broadcasting and attempted to join this world of journalists.

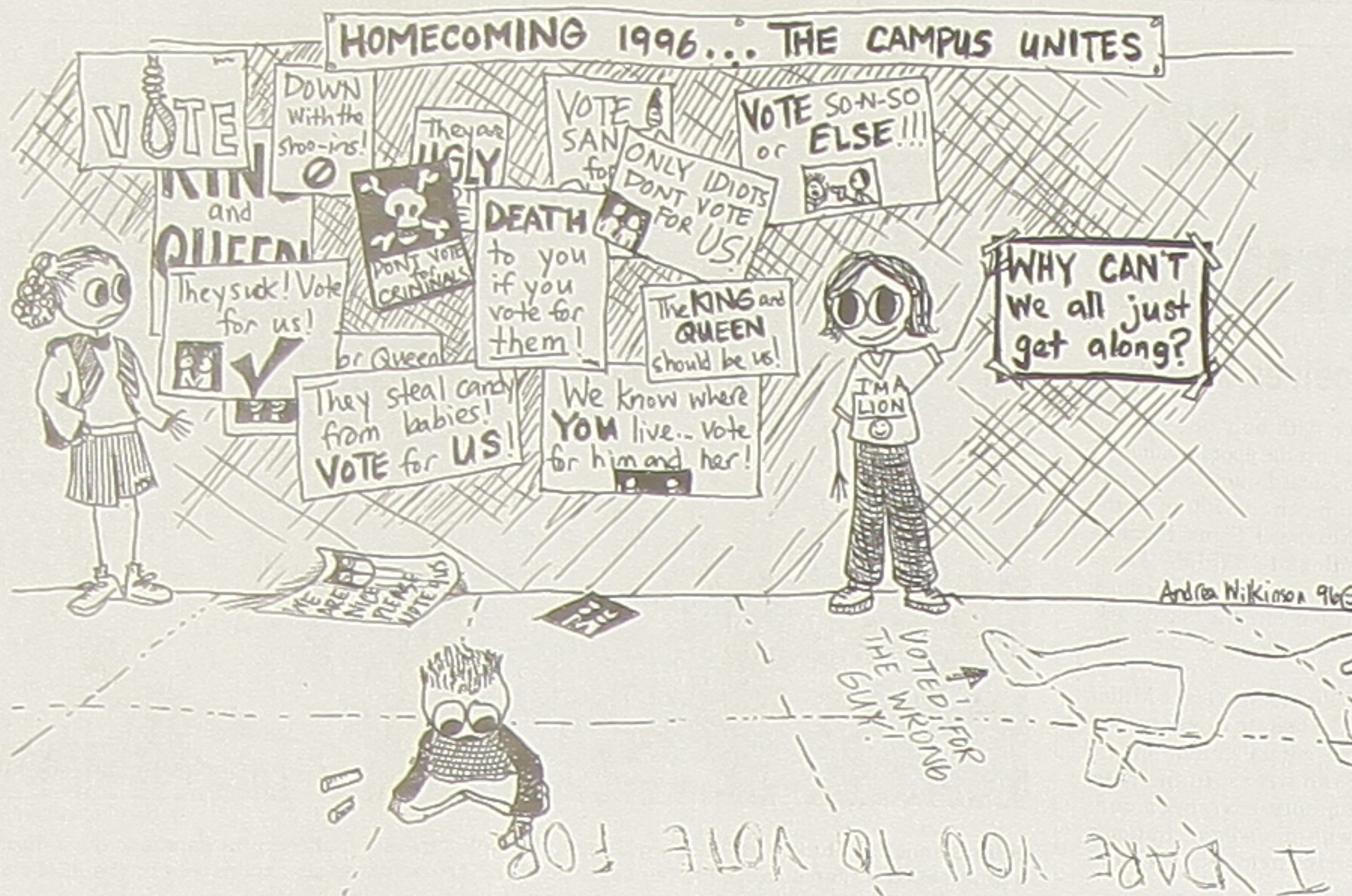
At first I tried simply writing tennis and golf. Later on came the big sports — volleyball and then basketball. Slowly, ever so slowly, I learned how to design a page.

Sometimes I wonder what would have happened if I had come to Missouri Southern a year earlier. I probably never would have played in that volleyball game. My uncle always told me, "Timing is everything." I guess the timing was right for me to come to Southern.

Call it fate, luck, divine intervention, or whatever you want. I call it taking advantage of the opportunities that come along. The point is, I'm here and happy with how things have turned out.

I'm still learning; much of what happens is still new to me. However, the newspaper is in my blood.

I've worked my way up the ladder and have acquired new responsibilities. In my studies I have placed an emphasis on journalism and hope to use these skills for a professional newspaper in the near future. I still have dreams of film, but for now they are on hold. Because of a chance meeting, I've found an unknown skill, hobby, and a friend. □



OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

People, it's only Homecoming

Obviously taking a cue from the national political spotlight, some Missouri Southern Homecoming court campaigns reached into the earth and grabbed a fistful of mud to sling at another campaign.

Come on people, it's only Homecoming!

At least two signs decrying the need to oust the criminal justice department from its pattern of capturing the Homecoming king and queen crowns have been spotted around campus.

Last week, the signs were the hot topic of the Student Senate gathering. Oblivious to the fact that the Senate could not do much about a sign properly stamped by the student services office, the discussion raged on for nearly 20 minutes.

However, the ferocity of the debate by Senate raised some intriguing questions. The point was raised, and the message was clearly sent. Mudslinging does not have a

place in a Homecoming court election. Will the Senate stand for it again?

The signs may have been meant as a joke, and to many might have been found humorous, but the thing to remember is it's only Homecoming.

It is also poor campaigning. Both signs clearly show the sect the voter is supposed to oppose at the poll, but neither clearly indicated at a passing glance whom to vote for.

Yet, out of the wreckage of this fiasco comes yet another point: Is it time to revamp the Homecoming election procedures? If it has become apparent to everyone involved that it is pointless to run against the criminal justice machine, then the fun of the festivities is erased and replaced by the same mundane motions of conventional college elections.

Clearly something needs to change in the Homecoming mechanism that won't allow a single club to completely annihilate the competition.

But then again, it's only Homecoming. □

YOUR LETTERS

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Homecoming signs derogatory toward CJs

In response to the article in last week's *Chart* about the Student Senate meeting, I would like to clarify the "sign" issue.

The signs put up in the hall by the Modern Communications Club saying not to vote Criminal Justice for Homecoming were brought up not because they were stamped, but for the simple fact that they were rude, derogatory, and unnecessary.

If any organization on campus has a problem with another campus group, the issue should be brought up with the club advisers or administration, not on signs prior to elections.

I feel the criminal justice department should be commended for the support their students give to each other.

The CJ faculty is awesome, and encour-

ages their students to vote and represent the organization.

It's not whether you win or lose, it is how you play the game, and the criminal justice students keep a pretty good game plan.

My letter isn't meant to bring up the sign issue again (that died last week). I only want to clear up the article in last week's *Chart* on why it was brought up at Student Senate.

It wasn't because the sign was stamped (sure, First Amendment rights, etc.), it was to draw attention to the negative interest of the Homecoming election.

I also would like to clear up what was actually said at the Student Senate meeting. The sign was brought to senators' attention, and after a period of discussion

the Senate adviser stated that the Modern Communications Club's adviser had already contacted him and issued an apology, and one was apparently on the way to the Criminal Justice Student Association, so the issue was dropped.

This letter is not designed to be open for debate.

The origin and actual meaning of the signs is understood and put in the past. I only wanted to state why the signs were brought up and what was actually said at the Student Senate meeting.

Stacey Mathes
Senior senator and sociology major

Resident: Why is it legal to kill our babies?

We who consider ourselves honest and objective thinkers should consider with me the ironies on the subject of abortion.

• In a world which has laws which protect seals, whales, eagles, and owls from being killed, why is it legal to kill a baby up until the hour of its natural birth?

• Why is it that if a doctor kills a baby by abortion it is OK, but if the same doctor is drinking, hits the mother's car, and kills the pre-born child — it is murder?

• In one room of the hospital they are spending thousands of dollars to save the life of a two-pound or seriously ill baby, while in the next room they are aborting a six-pound healthy baby and throwing him away. It is not because the child is unwanted, because every baby is wanted. Adoption waiting lists are approximately five years long in America.

• In all states it is legal to take the life of the baby by abortion but in some of those

same states, women are being charged with murder whose babies die because the mother has taken illegal drugs.

What will become of a country whose laws make no sense?

Deana Maurer
Webb City resident

IN PERSPECTIVE

Numeracy, math not just for 'Erkles'

Recently I was watching an episode of "Law and Order" on television. One scene was particularly disturbing. A teacher had been murdered in her classroom. Detectives on the scene were lamenting the senseless death of the woman. "Young. An art teacher. Who did she ever hurt?" "Yeah. Now an algebra teacher, you could understand."

No doubt there were knowing snickers all throughout television land. As an "algebra teacher" I have encountered this attitude many times. So has every other math teacher.

When meeting new people, introductions are often followed by pleasantries about "What one does." Upon hearing that I am a professor of mathematics, some will respond with statements such as "I never was any good at math." Or, "I can't even balance my checkbook." These statements are made almost as if they were claims to a badge of honor. What they in fact represent, if true, is innumeracy.

Innumeracy is the mathematical analogue of illiteracy. Numeracy is the ability to understand basic mathematical concepts and operations. Innumeracy is the lack of that ability.

Do English professors hear from new acquaintances "Oh, I never could read?" On the contrary, people go to extraordinary means to mask the fact that they are illiterate. How is it that our society attaches shame to illiteracy but associates chuckles with innumeracy? Why does television, with few exceptions, portray math students as nerds, e.g. Steve Erkle?

Although I cannot overcome cultural negativity toward mathematics with one column, allow me to state two good reasons to avoid innumeracy: 1) To make wiser decisions and 2) To better understand what happens around you.

Most people consider themselves good decision makers. However, "common sense" may not be good sense at all, merely common. For example, a ploy of consumer groups, political groups, business advertisers, etc. is to stress linear measure to magnify size and volume measure to minimize it. A single tower of nickels stretching from sea level to the height of Mt. Everest is impressively "large." The same set of nickels will all fit into a box six feet on a side. In that box the nickels do not seem so "large." A better developed sense of numbers may keep one from being manipulated.

Or consider a homeowner who needs a brick wall built. He determines that one bricklayer could build the wall in eight hours and another bricklayer could build the same brick wall in six hours. The homeowner decides to hire them both. Assuming that neither bricklayer affects the work of the other, how long will it take for them to complete the job? A common answer is the average of six and eight, namely 7. However, surely the time must be less than six hours! In this case "common sense" is not good sense. Percents are also used to manipulate opinion. How is your number sense with respect to percent? Imagine buying 100 pounds of potatoes, which are 99 percent water. After being left in the sun for a while they dehydrate a bit and are now 98 percent water. What do you think the potatoes weigh now? Take a guess.*

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

Program offers difference in education

TESOL helps teachers instruct foreign pupils

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

Designed to help non-English-speaking students, TESOL, a new program at Missouri Southern, will offer a different direction in education.

TESOL, or Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages, is not a bilingual program, according to Kaye Abight, assistant certification officer in the school of education and psychology.

Abight said the teacher does not

learn the students' language, but rather the best methods, materials, and assessment procedures to instruct students who have English as their second language.

According to Abight, the program benefits teachers and students, as well as the students' families who may gain language skills from their children.

"I feel it's one of the best things we've done in the teacher education department in a long time, due to the fact it's really helping everyone involved," Abight said.

"It's helping the community that we all live in because as soon as those people are able to have [language] skills, they'll be more employable and the economics of the community is

increased because they are able to get jobs," she added.

The College offers the first undergraduate TESOL program in the state created for pre-service and in-service teachers. Abight said area teachers brought the need for TESOL to Southern.

"It's because we were dealing with teachers who were already in the field and they needed this information and they wanted to be able to take it as a master's degree program," she said. "Well, because Missouri Southern doesn't have a master's program, we couldn't do that, but there were lots and lots of teachers."

In 1995, the number of students with limited proficiency in English

increased in these area school districts: 28 percent in Monett; 32 percent in Carthage; and 225 percent in McDonald County.

The program, designed as a specialty certification, consists of 21 hours in course work including five required areas, an elective, and a practicum. To accommodate in-service teachers, the classes are offered in late afternoon.

Though the program takes at least four semesters to complete, only one class is offered this semester. The course, Modern Grammar, is taught by Dr. Rosa Fagundes, assistant professor of teacher education.

Abight said this course fulfills the state requirement for a linguistics class.

In addition to narrowing the language barrier, the program also stresses knowledge of cultural background.

"There's a course [Teaching in a Multicultural Society] that makes the teacher aware of those kinds of things so that the teacher is better able to think about some things," Abight said.

She also said the teacher might ask, "Well, what's the family structure like? Do I send the note home to the mom or the dad or do I say Dear Parent?"

"So those are all the kinds of issues to help you get off on the right foot with a child and a parent and for the school district to be supportive, yet doing what it needs to do for children." □

STUDENT TRAVEL

Long-distance friends enjoy visit

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

Every summer a group of Missouri Southern students travel to Oxford, England, and bring back many memories of their trip and experiences.

But for Diane Volk, a 1996 Southern graduate, a trip to Oxford resulted in a special memory — a very dear friend.

Volk visited Christ's Church in Oxford in the summer of 1995 with a group from Southern. It was here she met Tina "Chi-Chi" Fischer, from Lagos, Nigeria.

"I met her the night we got there, and I was really jet-lagged," Volk said. "She had a pinafore on that had initials on it, and I thought they were her initials for her name. I thought it said Chi-Chi, but it was actually the abbreviation for Christ's Church, and I called her Chi-Chi."

Volk said it took her a couple of days to realize her name wasn't Chi-Chi, and that those were the initials of the school they were staying at.

However, the 23-year-old Fischer didn't mind being called Chi-Chi, and the name stuck with everyone in the group.

Fischer, who has lived in Oxford for eight years, was doing her internship at Christ's Church at Oxford.

"Her family is very wealthy," Volk said, "and they bought her a home in Oxford. They send all of their

children either to boarding school or to a college at Oxford."

Volk did a lot of sight seeing with Fischer, most of it after everyone else had gone home to the United States. They traveled to such places as Wales and Scotland.

The two now write to each other twice a month, Volk said. Fischer just recently came to visit Volk for about 10 days.

Volk said she took Fischer to St. Louis and Branson, with a stop at the music town's Silver Dollar City.

Volk said Chi-Chi really enjoyed the cave at Silver Dollar City.

She said she thinks Fischer hadn't ever been in a cave before.

"For someone who's been such a world traveler," she said, "she's got all these frequent flyer miles; she's been to Germany, she goes back and forth on holidays between the United Kingdom and Nigeria all the time."

Because of Fischer's traveling, Volk said there wasn't a whole lot that she could show her that was really new or different to her.

Volk said Chi-Chi would like to find a job in the U.S. someday.

"When I was at Oxford," she said, "it seemed like I was voted the mother of everybody else."

"But, for some reason, Tina sort of took care of me — made sure that I had extra things and that was special."

"She's so very special." □



Diane Volk, a 1996 Southern graduate, and Tina "Chi-Chi" Fischer, a Lagos, Nigeria, native, met while Volk was studying at Oxford University.

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Southern grad receives scholarship

A recent Missouri Southern biology graduate has demonstrated that Southern alumni are well-equipped to compete with the best students in the nation on a graduate level.

Brandon Rhinehart, a 1995 graduate, is currently attending the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Last semester he was awarded one of the highest honors given to medical students in the nation, the Russell C. McCaughan Scholarship awarded by the National Osteopathic Foundation.

The \$400 scholarship is given to medical students who show outstanding capabilities and strong motivation in osteopathic philosophy.

The extremely competitive scholarship is awarded to only 16 students nationwide each year. Rhinehart, now a second-year student, says medical school isn't nearly as frightening as he imagined it would be.

"I was surprised by how family-oriented the college is and by how many friends I have made along the way," he said.

"There are all kinds of stigmas about medical school that just aren't true," Rhinehart said.

Even though he works hard to maintain an excellent academic standing, Rhinehart still manages to find time for activities outside of class.

He serves as vice president of both the student senate and the Christian Medical Society.

Rhinehart is a young husband and expecting father, but continues to keep a spot on the dean's honor roll.

Rhinehart, a Joplin native, decided as a freshman in high school that he wanted to enter the medical field.

He intends to pursue a private practice in internal medicine following his graduation from OSU in 1999. □



Rhinehart

BRINGIN' DOWN THE WALL



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Dr. Sabine Cramer (right), instructor of German, illustrates the rise and fall of Germany's Berlin Wall to students in her German class.

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HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

SMSU's fall enrollment decreases by 54

Southwest Missouri State University's fall enrollment of 16,416 is 54 below last year's total, but far above the 15,562 projected by university officials.

"The surprisingly high enrollment is the result of a number of factors," says Don Simpson, assistant vice president for enrollment services.

"Most notably, we had almost no drop in freshmen (2,507 in 1996 compared with 2,512 in 1995), even though we had anticipated 200 fewer due to higher admission standards and implementation of the 16-unit high school core curriculum."

Simpson also noted that SMSU experienced a strong increase in transfer students (894, up by 103, or 13 percent) and attributed it to the university's increased efforts in working with community colleges and providing services to transfer students.

Graduate student enrollment stands at 2,062, a 10 percent growth above the 1,875 last year. □

High numbers prove need for new program

Enrollment in Southeast Missouri State University's new MBA program this fall reaffirms the needs expressed for such a program, university officials have said.

Forty-one students are officially enrolled in the program, and another 17 are in various stages of completing the prerequisites that will allow them to be admitted into the program.

"This [enrollment] is far more than we had expected," said Dr. Ken Heischmidt, director of the MBA program. "Realistically, we expected 15 to 20 students this fall and maybe 50 by the end of the academic year."

Four night classes are under way in the program this fall. □

Search now under way for nation's best

USA Today, in cooperation with four higher education associations, is beginning its annual search for the nation's best college students.

Sixty of them will be named to the 1997 All-USA Academic Team. Any full-time undergraduate of a four-year institution in the United States is eligible.

A full-time undergraduate is one carrying at least 12 credit hours or one who anticipates earning an undergraduate degree at the end of the current academic term.

The criteria are designed to find students who excel not only in scholarship but in leadership roles on and off campus. The key element, to be given most weight by the judges, will be a student's outstanding original academic or intellectual product. Nominations must be postmarked by Nov. 30. □

ISEP application deadline set for January

The deadline for turning in applications for the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) will be Jan. 17, 1996. Students wishing to study abroad through ISEP in the 1996-97 school year must turn in their applications by this day to Nadine Schmidt in the academic affairs office, Hearnes Hall 200, 625-9555.

Students intending to apply for the ISEP program must pick up an application packet from the academic affairs office.

Before submitting an application, students are advised to visit with their academic advisers to discuss study abroad plans in light of degree requirements.

Applicants are also advised to research the institutions they are considering for their study abroad experience.

Catalogs of all ISEP member institutions are available in microfiche in the Spiva Library Reference Section. □

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Today 3

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—
Homecoming final elections.
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
12:15 p.m.—
Physical Education Majors Club, Young Gymnasium, Room 203
2:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Student Coalition Against Child Abuse, guest speaker: Sharon Setzer of Department of Family Services, Webster Hall, 2nd floor student lounge
6:30 p.m.—
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, BSC, 2nd floor lounge
7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha, Panhellenic room
Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

Friday 4

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—
Homecoming final elections.
Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123
4:30 p.m.—
Deadline for talent show entries, BSC, Room 102
Homecoming parade assembly areas assigned, BSC, Room 102

Saturday 5

Joplin Music Festival, Fred G. Hughes Stadium
8:30 a.m.—
Bus to Rolla game sponsored by RHA and CAB, \$6, for more information call 625-9366

Sunday 6

6 p.m.—
Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 8th and Pearl
7 p.m.—
Sigma Pi, Stegge Hall basement

Monday 7

10 a.m.—
Homecoming campus display completion deadline—
Campus displays must remain up until Oct. 10, 4 p.m.
7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building
CAB showing of "The Rock," BSU, 2nd floor lounge
Modern Communications Club, Webster Hall, 3rd floor lounge

Tuesday 8

Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association, Billingsly Student Center, Room 313
12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311
7 p.m.—
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church
CAB showing of "The Rock," BSU, 2nd floor lounge

Wednesday 9

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Food show, BSC, 2nd floor
Technology Club annual chili cook off, Anderson Criminal Justice Center
Noon—
Sigma Tau Delta, Heames Hall, Room 322
Baptist Student Union lunch, Baptist Student Union building
1 p.m.—
Mandatory Talent show rehearsal, Webster Hall auditorium

HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

Festivities to create sense of unity

Fall event to boost student involvement

By RONNA SPARKS
CAMPUS EDITOR

Posters wallpapering anything that will stand still, elaborate campus displays decorated better than the mall at Christmas, and the feeling of school spirit in the air. It's beginning to look a lot like Homecoming.

With Homecoming just around the corner, Missouri Southern is ferociously preparing for the celebration that is designed to bring students and alumni together.

"That's actually the intent of Homecoming," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, "to get the alumni to come back for the football game and kind of remind them of their roots and to interest the current students in athletics and get them excited about what's going on."

"I hope it helps improve the spirit of the campus, at least temporarily."

Homecoming has always served as a time to encourage College unity and team spirit. The Lion Pride Marching Band is willingly doing its part and is excited about what the event holds, said Elizabeth

Homecoming TOP 10

Lovland, the band's drum major.

"The band's always excited," she said. "Those activities are fun to do and it's fun to gather with the different organizations and support the school. School spirit is something we really focus on, and that is one of our main purposes; we are a support tool for the school."

If student involvement is any indication of school spirit, the numbers have slightly increased, which Carlisle said was a little surprising because Homecoming will be held two weeks earlier this year.

In the past, Halloween and Homecoming have conflicted schedule-wise, and Carlisle said she is thrilled the two celebrations don't coincide.

"We really can't do it justice if we're trying to do Homecoming," she said. "Halloween falls by the wayside and we've had to ignore it for years."

With the event just over the horizon, organizations have submitted most of their paperwork and ideas for approval and are preparing to participate in the several events open. One popular event is the

Homecoming parade, which travels down Joplin's Main Street.

Deb Gipson, director of student housing and parade director, said everything is going well and this looks to be an excellent parade to reward everyone's hard work.

"The day of the parade is the icing on the cake for me," Gipson said. "When that last entry gets down the street, I can breathe again. It's a fun job and I enjoy it, but it's hard work."

The parade is only one of many student-oriented events designed to enhance Homecoming week. There is a student-based talent show, a food fair on BSC's second floor, and a campus display competition that Carlisle said is often the highlight of the week with the talent show a close second.

While Homecoming is meant to create a sense of unity on campus, the participating organizations often benefit by cooperating within themselves in an event that creates an enjoyable atmosphere.

"The camaraderie is probably one of the most positive aspects of involvement," Carlisle said. "You get to work on something as a group that's fun. You're not trying to raise money for charity, you're not trying to benefit society in any way; this is just a fun group event that shows loyalty to the College, school spirit, and enthusiasm." □

countdown to the CROWN

The criminal justice department has run away with Homecoming votes the past two years... who will win this year?

men

Andy Adams
Baptist Student Union

Andy Brown
Criminal Justice SA

David Groves
Sigma Pi

Braden McBride
Education Exec. Council

Lance Robbins
FCA

women

Heather Hoyle
Epsilon Mu Sigma

Kim Jones
Criminal Justice SA

Autumn Lawrence
Sigma Pi

Cherona Phillips
Education Exec. Council

Tracy Tate
Baptist Student Union

RYAN BRONSON/The Chart



Bill Gibson (left), senior management technology major, and Don Schultz, instructor of technology, examine the results of an experiment to test a machine's capabilities.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

PEM aids profession

By SHANDY MCBRIDE
STAFF WRITER

Instilling professionalism is the goal of the Physical Education Majors club.

The club does this by exposing students to a variety of career opportunities and providing avenues for students to be decision makers.

PEM allows for additional professional growth experiences through a variety of settings. The club teaches members to be advocates and role models for their profession.

The president is Eden Dowler, junior secondary education, kinesiology major.

"I'm excited about being president this year," Dowler said.

"We have a lot of support from the faculty, and we have a lot of neat members."

The club participates in activities such as state and national conventions, an education panel, Welcome Weekend, and the Lifetime Sports Academy.

"The participation really increases professionalism," said Myli Taylor Moore, senior physical education major and last year's

PEM president. During the education panel, professionals in the area come to speak, some of whom happen to be Southern graduates.

"It gives students an awareness of avenues and options in being a physical education major," Moore said.

The Lifetime Sports Academy took place for the first time last summer. Local education majors and children came together with the help of Patty Vavra, head women's cross country and track and field coach, and Sheri Beeler, PEM adviser. The children were able to participate in bowling, racquetball, tennis, volleyball, golf, and swimming.

"The Lifetime Sports Academy had a great turnout," Beeler said. "It gave the students an opportunity to actually work in a teaching situation."

Some of the reasons the PEM club gives to join is for professional growth, networking, promoting physical education, and getting involved.

"I feel it's going to be a pretty good year," Beeler said. "We have an enthusiastic set of officers that seem to want to get involved." □

Area business utilizes CADD

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

Precious Moments of Carthage is working with the Missouri Southern computer aided drafting and design (CADD) program to develop a new product line.

Precious Moments searched nationwide for the technology needed to change Sam Butcher's line art into a code logical to a milling machine. The machine will carve Butcher's work in a piece of wood or granite.

After contacting several people across the nation, the company was referred to Don Schultz, instructor of technology at Southern.

Schultz developed this technology several years ago, and it has been in place at Southern since.

Southern is one of two colleges in the country with a Fadal Vertical Milling Machine. The other system is in Cleveland.

This project was developed by Southern graduate, Bill Gibson, who has worked in the research and development department at Precious Moments for six years. Southern student Jeremy Hulette, senior management technology major, is also working on the project. Hulette, works in the same department at Precious Moments.

"It's one thing to educate students, but it's another thing to provide them with jobs and

help them get employed and live a nice, happy life," Schultz said. "We're not just sitting on our hands teaching, teaching, teaching, we're actually developing jobs."

Although what is currently being produced are flat plaques, carved with the milling machine, other processes and products are being looked at.

However, the milling machine is producing the best work so far.

Future plans include half-section 3-D plaques. Such work has been done by Southern students in the technology department with lion's heads. Plans are also underway for a furniture line including step stools, cabinet doors, and headboards.

Precious Moments purchased the same equipment that is used at Southern so that the work done at both locations would be interchangeable.

"This is my dream," Schultz said, "to create jobs in this area." □

“It's one thing to educate students, but it's another thing to provide them with jobs... and help them live a nice, happy life.”

Don Schultz
Instructor,
technology

MARTIN: Logic even plays a role in tennis

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While you may not be interested in potatoes, let's change the potatoes to dollars. Suppose a stockbroker informs you that of a large sum of money you are investing only 1 percent goes to him. Later the value of your investment goes down but your stockbroker, who does understand potatoes, assures you that his share still only amounts to 2 percent of the present value of the investment. The result of this scenario would be that you lost half your investment, no small potatoes.

Finally, let me give an example of how mathematics can help us understand what happens around us. There is nothing grand at stake here for most people, but you may find it interesting and I get to discuss one of my favorite sports. Even casual followers of professional tennis are aware of its dominance by players such as Steffi Graf and Pete Sampras. Why is it that the same players seem always to appear in the finals of professional tournaments? Is it that they are so much better than other players? Perhaps.

But there is mathematics at play here also. Suppose that although two players A and B are almost evenly matched, player A wins six points and player B wins four points of every 10 points played. This slight difference in ability translates to an enormous advantage to A during a tennis match. To win a game a player must win four points before the other player. Now the probability of player B winning a given point is .4. But the probability of her winning two in a row is (.4) (.4) = .16; three in a row (.4) (.4) (.4) = .064.

While one does not need to win four consecutive points to win the game, you can see the probability that B will win four points before player A is quite small, much smaller than .4. To compound player B's problems, she must win a game by two points. So a score of 4 to 3 would not suffice. Furthermore, she must win six games before her opponent wins six but must once again win by two games. Finally, to win a match she must win two out of three sets or three out of five sets. Player B has almost no chance. The fact that the No. 1

tennis player does lose occasionally testifies to the fact that the top players are very close in ability, closer than the illustration using .6 and .4 probabilities.

There is another oddity in the statistics of tennis. Petr Korda has won over 67 percent of his matches in 1996. In baseball this victory percentage would be good enough to win a championship any year. Yet Mr. Korda is ranked No. 50 in the world. How can this be? The answer lies in the mathematics of the tournament. A player continues to play in a tournament until he loses a match. He may win two matches before losing, giving him a record of 2-1. He is a long way from winning a tournament but still has a winning record of .667. He can never lose more than one match per tournament. My aim has been to leave the reader with a greater appreciation of the interplay between mathematics and society.

*The answer is 50 pounds.

**The answer is the A and the 7. Several examples are used from *A Mathematician Reads the Newspaper* by John Allen Paulos, BasicBooks, 1995. □

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Lisa Whitaker, a 1991 Missouri Southern graduate, reads a picture book to some children in Southern's Child Development Center.

Whitaker: 'Children learn by doing'

By SHELBY NEELY
CHART REPORTER

Children who love to come to school. Hard to imagine? Some Missouri Southern students may like to come to school, but probably not as much as these children. They stay in the College's Child Development Center.

"The children love to come and play," says Lisa Whitaker, the new teacher for the 2-year-old age group at the CDC. "These children are honest, loving, and don't hold grudges."

She says the children are in a structured environment with a school setting. They learn basic things such as washing their hands, sitting at a table and using silverware and napkin, and sharing.

"Children learn by doing," says Whitaker, who points out that CDC staff

members are not there to do it for the children. Rather, they are there to initiate until the children do it themselves. When the children do accomplish something, Whitaker says she like to "see the light go on."

The CDC features a block area where children play with bricks, cars, and building materials; a computer area where the children can play shape games; a tactile area with sand and a big tub of macaroni; and an art area with Play-doh, paint, and markers where children can create pictures.

There is even a house area where children will find pots and pans, dishes, and food. The objects in these areas change from time to time to give the children variety.

Whitaker was raised in Joplin and graduated from Southern in 1991 with a degree

in education. She worked 40 hours per week in college and was a full-time student. There wasn't much time for anything else.

Whitaker's advice for college students is, "Don't date anybody. They'll just get in your way."

Of all the jobs Whitaker has held, including working in the day-care center at St. John's Mercy Center and Joplin's R-8 Parents As Teachers program, she says her job at Southern's CDC is the most interesting.

Whitaker previously worked at Southern's CDC for two years. She then took some time off to marry Patrick Whitaker and buy a house. They have now been married for a year, and she is back at Southern's CDC.

"This is truly one of the best day cares in the area," she says. □

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

People vs. nature?

Sociology instructor enjoys conversation

By NATASHA ANTHONY
CHART REPORTER

Would you choose to be forbidden from nature or people? "If I had to choose, I would prefer people," said Dr. David Locher, assistant professor of sociology.

He says the most interesting part of his job comes from the interaction with students.

"There's always a variation," Locher said. "It's never tedious. It's never boring. It's never in a rut."

Missouri Southern was attractive to him due to its emphasis on teaching. He believes it's important to like what he does. He has a passion for teaching sociology.

"Sociology looks at the social influences on human behavior, as opposed to biological or genetic effects," Locher says.

"It is a study of why people have certain beliefs."

In 10 or more years, he sees himself as a professor of sociology at Southern.

"When I came here, I wasn't looking for a first job, I was looking for a last job," he said.

Locher is from Tallmadge, Ohio. He went to the University of Akron as an undergraduate. He received his master's degree and doctorate from Kent State University. He taught several sociology courses at KSU before coming to Southern.

For enjoyment, Locher plays the guitar. He started playing at 18. He usually doesn't care much about name brands, unless he is dealing with guitars. Then, it has to be a Gibson.

"You could blindfold me and put five guitars in my hand," he says, "and I could tell you which one was the Gibson by the way they sound and feel."

He listens to alternative music. He played in a band up until moving to Joplin.

"When I'm actually [playing] in front of other people, I'm unaware of anything else."

Locher likes cars from the 1950s. He is drawn to them because they look, smell,



Dr. David Locher, assistant professor of sociology, said he enjoys being around people who have thoughts and ideas.

and drive differently from cars of today. He says they are easier to work on.

He likes Joplin better than Ohio due to the absence of an "industrial environment" and "crumbling buildings." The climate is also nicer; he says there is much more sunshine here and it doesn't rain as much.

Joplin is also economically better than Akron, Locher said.

"People are happier here," he said.

He believes students should take classes seriously, but not so seriously that the pressure is unbearable.

Locher says he is not a solitary person. He enjoys being around people who have unique thoughts and ideas. He has a passion for discussion and conversation. He loves to be deep in conversation "for hours, even days."

"I could be locked away in a room with no windows," he says, "and as long as I had people coming in and out, that would be fine." □

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Hou uses Web sites to teach languages

By BRIAN PALMER
CHART REPORTER

Computers have become a valuable teaching aid, and for Xiaoming Hou, assistant professor of East Asian languages, a way of bringing Asia to America.

Hou is attempting to create a better World Wide Web site for instruction in Japanese and Chinese.

"During the summer, if you have nothing to do," he said, "you can go to the Web site and learn Japanese by yourself."

Hou said most of the current Web sites contain only one or two lessons. He wants to create something more comprehensive.

Hou was born in Shanghai, People's Republic of China, and moved Hawaii five years ago to continue his education. He received a master's degree in Japanese linguistics, and was accepted as a doctoral candidate at the University of Hawaii, where he taught Japanese before coming to Missouri Southern.

"The reason I am here," he said, "is I can do lots of work. Here I can try a new method, a new approach...try working what I want."

This freedom of approach is what was missing at the University of Hawaii, where Hou was one of many instructors of Japanese.

At Southern, Hou would like to work more with Computer Assisted Language Teaching (CALT) software. His expertise in this field has prompted former students to call him long-distance for assistance and advice.

"Lots of people know computers," he said, "but they don't know Chinese and Japanese software."

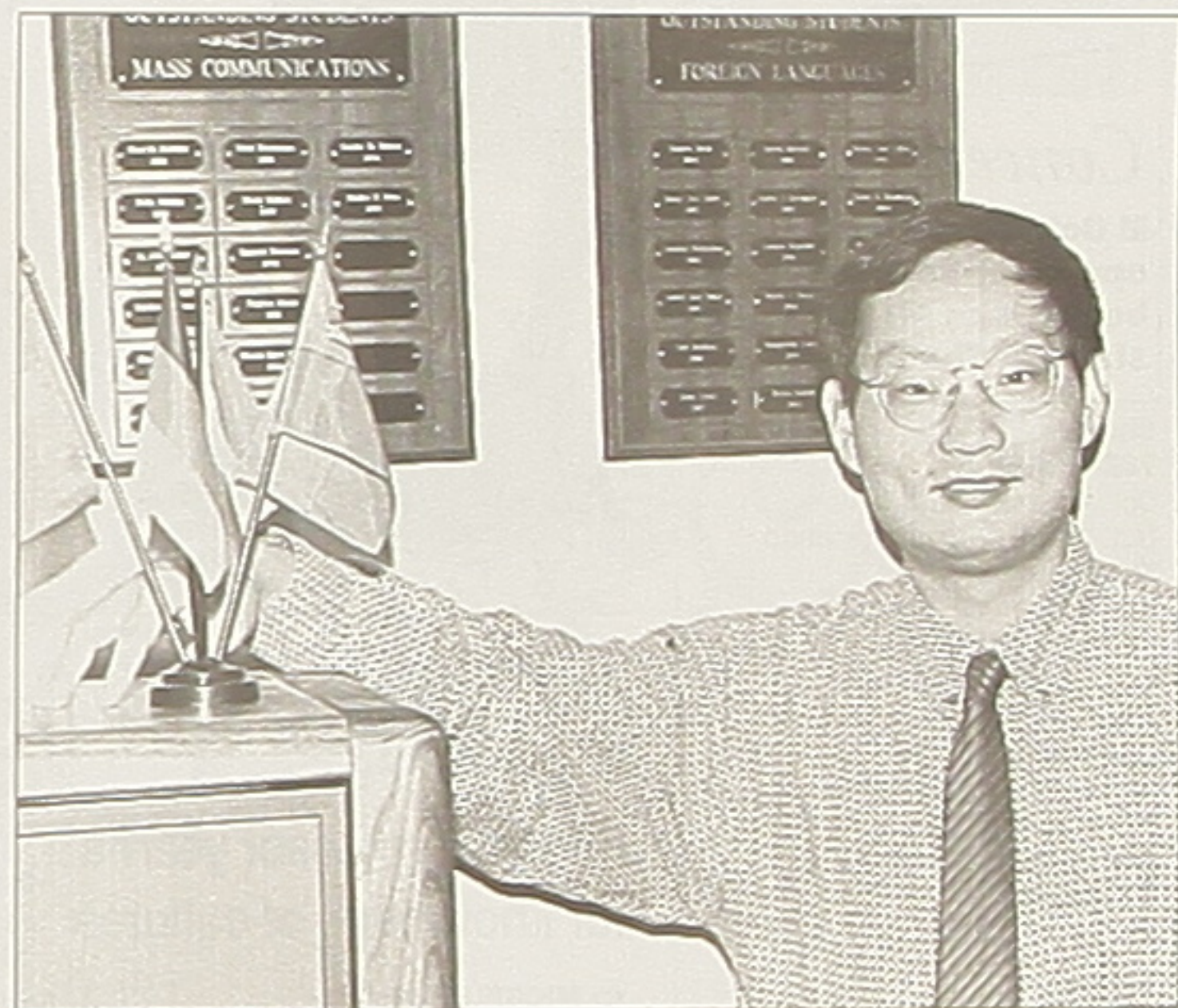
This is the first time on the mainland U.S. for Hou and his wife, Jianfang Ji, and their 10-year-old son, Taige.

"The people here are all very nice," Hou said. "They are all really kind. It's not like a big city."

Hou enjoys playing chess, Japanese go (a board game involving stones), and reading. He doesn't have much time for hobbies now, because he has been busy building an East Asian language program for Southern.

Hou offers this advice for students:

"Learn some Japanese and Chinese. Have some fun. Japanese and Chinese are not so hard, not as you would expect." □



Xiaoming Hou, assistant professor of East Asian languages, would like to work more with computers to improve Web sites for the instruction of Japanese and Chinese.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Dr. Henry Jones, assistant professor of music, has had the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall, the Oratorio Society of New York, and the American Symphony Orchestra and Chorus at Lincoln Center. He said students learn more if they are taught one-on-one.

Jones brings musical life into classroom

By CARMi VIGNEAUX
CHART REPORTER

From piano lessons to free lancing to cabaret singing, his life has been filled with music.

Dr. Henry Jones, assistant professor of music, is a new addition to Missouri Southern.

"I always liked music," he said. "That's why I chose the field."

Jones enjoys teaching. The most interesting aspect of the job, he said, is the one-on-one teaching.

"The students seem to learn more that way," he said.

Jones attended Yale University and received his bachelor's degree in 1978. He then took an 11-year break.

During his time away from school, Jones chose Louisiana State University. After five years at LSU, he received his doctorate.

Before teaching at Southern, Jones was head of the piano department at Minot (N.D.) State University. He said he did not

like the climate, and that's why he moved to Southern from MSU.

"One day in January, the high was minus 25 degrees," Jones said.

Another reason for his move was to be closer to his in-laws. He and his wife, Stacy, have two children, Billie, 7, and Zoe, 18 months, and they believe that family is important.

In his spare time, Jones enjoys family activities such as picnics.

Jones has had the opportunity to perform with the New York Choral Society at Carnegie Hall, the Oratorio Society of New York, and the American Symphony Orchestra and Chorus at Lincoln Center.

Jones said he and his wife are a mixed-faith couple. He is Jewish, and his wife is Protestant, so they usually attend a United Methodist church.

"She is a cabaret singer, and we sing together," he said.

"She performs for night clubs and intimate theatre."

Jones also performs and will participate in

It's OK to ask for help. It is how you're supposed to get anywhere.

Dr. Henry Jones
Assistant professor,
music

many performances at Southern. He has a concert scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 8.

His advice for college students is to take a year off before starting college or in between college years. He profited from it, and says others would also.

His last words of advice are to ask for help.

"It is OK to ask for help," Jones said. "It is how you're supposed to get anywhere." □



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Coming Attractions

On Campus



Recital

■ Oct. 8 —
Dr. Paul Carlson
and **Dr. Kexi Liu** will
perform chamber
music in Webster
Hall auditorium

Webster Hall Auditorium
Oct. 17—Lecture and
demonstration by the
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Memorial Hall
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The Urge
Nov. 7—Newsboys with Geoff
Moore and The Distance
Music Hall
Nov. 21—Gary Smalley

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Duo to perform variety of styles

Worldly violinists
make appearance
on Webster stage

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

International concert violinists
Kexi Liu and Paul Carlson will
be featured at 7:30 p.m. Tues-
day in Webster Hall auditorium.

Liu, instructor of music, teaches
violin at Missouri Southern.
Carlson is a professor of music at
Pittsburg State University.

Last summer they were invited
to play at the Shanghai Conserva-
tory of Music, the oldest music
school in China, where they per-
formed as a duo.

The concert in Webster will
include selections of baroque,
classical, and 20th century works.
Featured composers include
Mozart, *Concertone in C Major*,
K. 190; Bach, *Concerto in D
Minor*; Milhaud, *Sonata for Two*

Violins and Piano, op. 15; and
Martinu, *Sonata for Two Violins
and Piano*.

"Before we decided what we
would play, we tried several
works," Liu said. "We picked
these four different composers
and these four different styles.
The show will have some variety."

Both musicians have extensive
musical backgrounds. Liu per-
formed for 10 years as first violin-
ist of the National Broadcasting
Orchestra, and as a soloist with
the Henan Orchestra in China.
He has also served as concert-
master of several American
orchestras and keeps active play-
ing solo and chamber music con-
certs.

Liu also performs with the
Southern Trio and Community
Orchestra.

Music Weekly described him as
having "superb technique and
profound interpretation of the
music."

Carlson is renowned for his solo
and chamber music performances

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several works.”

Dr. Kexi Liu
Instructor of
music

in the United States, Europe,
South America and the Orient. He
was the first musician from the
Western hemisphere to be invited
to play and teach at the Hanoi
Conservatory of Music in
Vietnam.

Carlson founded the Waddill
Chamber Music Competition at
PSU, where he plays first violin in
the faculty string quartet. □



Dr. Kexi Liu (left), instructor of music, and Dr. Paul Carlson, professor
of music at Pittsburg State, perform during a 1993 performance.

FACULTY FEATURE



Beth Cook (left),
freshman psychology
major; Marissa Hiser
(center), freshman
nursing major; and
Dr. Joy Dworkin,
assistant professor
of English, talk over
a class assignment
Monday in
Hearnes Hall.

MICHELLE CONTY/The Chart

Dworkin finds romance in Spain

English professor yearns
for knowledge of cultures

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

When Dr. Joy Dworkin was 14,
she, her mother, brother, and
sister moved to Spain for a
year—a year that would mold her life.

"My mom was frustrated with some
aspects of American culture," Dworkin
said. "She wanted us to learn different
ways of living and about other cultures."

Dworkin, assistant professor of English
at Missouri Southern, said 14 was a
good age to go to Spain. She did not feel
as though she were being uprooted from
her home and friends.

"And it was cheaper to travel in 1974,"
she said. "We lived on the child support
my father sent and the money my mom
made from tutoring."

Dworkin and her family visited
Morocco for two weeks.

"It made a big impression on me," she
said. "Morocco was the most exotic
place I'd ever visited."

Dworkin and her siblings "sat in" on
classes in Spain, but did not take tests
because they still were learning the lan-
guage. Her mother, instead, had the
children do home-school types of stud-
ies to keep them on the same level as
their peers in the U.S. When the family
returned to the U.S., Dworkin went
directly into the 10th grade.

"There was some controversy over
whether I would have to take the ninth
grade in the States," she said.

She learned the Spanish language in
Spain and still remembers and uses it
today.

"I like reading in Spanish, and I can
still understand quite a bit. I'm not flu-
ent because I don't use it very much."

After graduating from high school,
Dworkin attended Reed College in
Portland, Ore.

"I'd always had this kind of romantic
idea about returning to where I was
born," she said. "So I moved back to the
Pacific Northwest."

Dworkin received a degree in Russian
literature because Reed College did not
offer a Spanish major, her first choice.
She continued her education at the
University of Michigan, working as a
graduate assistant and a lecturer in cre-
ative writing. She received two master's
degrees and a Ph.D. in Slavic literature
and languages at Michigan.

Now at Southern, where she's been
since 1991, she instructs creative writ-
ing, upper-division poetry, and world lit-
erature survey courses. Dworkin has
had her poetry published nationally and
internationally.

"I feel lucky to have gotten this job,"
she said, "since I don't have a doctorate
in English."

I have a master's of fine arts and cre-
ative writing."

Dworkin said if she took a job teaching
in a Slavic department, she would not be

able to do her own writing. So, instead,
she applied for a position teaching
English.

Dworkin speaks Russian and Polish
and has reading abilities in German and
French as well as Spanish.

A fondness for Morocco still lives with-
in Dworkin. In an old area of the city
where the people dye wool, the dye
would run down the hillsides like rain-
bow-colored water.

"It made for some wonderful pictures,"
Dworkin said.

Even though she hasn't traveled
abroad since 1985, she still says it's in
her blood.

When she has spare time, Dworkin
enjoys creative writing, such as poetry.

"I need a couple of hours to really get
involved in my writing. I do it to keep up
with my job, since I was hired to teach
creative writing."

Spare time is a rarity for Dworkin. She
has a 2-year-old son, Jeremy, who takes
much of her time.

"I don't have much spare time, with a 2-
year-old at home and a full time job," she
said.

"But when I do have some time to
myself, I do Tai Chi (a kind of medita-
tion that involves slow fluid movements
similar to karate). It's very beautiful to
watch. It's relaxing and only takes about
10 minutes."

Many of Dworkin's hobbies center
around other art forms, including music
and dance, while others are purely recre-
ational activities. □

PIANO RECITAL

Carnegie Hall to premiere MSIPC winner

By GINNY DUMOND
STAFF WRITER

Russian Natasha Kisenko will make her
Carnegie Hall debut Tuesday thanks to a
collective effort by Missouri Southern and
surrounding communities.

Kisenko finished first from a field of 35 con-
testants representing 18 countries in last spring's
Missouri Southern International Piano
Competition. She received a
\$5,000 award as well as the
debut in New York.

"This is a wonderful chance
for us to promote the compe-
tition," said MSIPC director
Vivian Leon. "It will also be a
fantastic experience for
Natasha."

The competition is not fund-
ed by Southern. The cost of
Kisenko's performance in New York is spon-
sored by Southwestern Bell, and all program
funds come from area businesses and individu-
als.

"This is a real community effort," Leon said.
"We have a waiting list of people who want to
host our contestants in 1998."

Because of the large amount of community
involvement, Leon is taking at least 38 area resi-
dents along with her to see Kisenko's perfor-
mance in New York.

"I was extremely surprised to find that every-
day people would call who were interested in
going to see her," she said. "But I'm very excited
to see the wide-spread interest in the competi-
tion and its contestants."

Kisenko graduated from the Central Music
School of the Moscow Conservatory in 1989 and
received her master's degree from there in 1994.
She is currently studying at the Meadows School
of the Arts at Southern Methodist University in
Dallas under world-renowned pianist Joaquin
Achuarro.

Kisenko has won numerous international com-
petitions, including the Hummel Piano
Competition, Bratislava, Slovakia; the Epinal
Piano Competition, France; the J.S. Bach Piano
Competition, Saarbrücken, Germany; and the
Piano Competition, Porto, Portugal.

Kisenko, has performed with the Lugansk
Philharmonic Orchestra, Ukraine, and the
Moscow Symphony Orchestra, Russia. She has
also done solo performances in Germany,
Slovak, and the United States.

In her New York debut program, Kisenko will
be performing such pieces as Bach's *French
suite no. 6 in E major, BWV 817*; Haydn's
Sonata in G major, Hob. XVI: 6; Schumann's
Humoreske, op. 20; Debussy's *Three Preludes
from Book Two* and Rachmaninov's *Sonata no. 2
in b minor, op. 36*. □



Kisenko

HANGIN' with The RICHARDS



Band reemerges on Joplin scene

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Editor's note: Members of the Richards will not reveal their last names publicly.

After five final shows, The Richards are regrouped, writing new material and playing together again.

In August 1995, the Joplin Police Department closed down a show featuring local bands at the Dead Cowboy, a downtown building used by a local band, Scalp, for band practice and live shows. Onstage, when authorities shut off the electricity, was The Richards, then promoting their tape *Let's Go To Michigan*. It was their first farewell show.

"We kept playing 'till they turned off the power," said lead vocalist Dan, a second-year freshman theatre major at Missouri Southern. "We were in the middle of our set."

When The Grind, a former Joplin coffee shop, held its final show on Aug. 30, the Richards performed their first comeback show.

"We had 320 people packed into The Grind to see us," Dan said. "We drew the biggest crowd...ever...at The Grind," said Brian, lead guitarist.

The band still has three of the four original members. Besides Dan, the line-up includes Brian on lead guitar, Turtle on bass, and Butt-Deadly on drums.

The Richards' music is loud, hard, fast, raucous, furious, and ferocious, and often politically incorrect. "Let's go to Michigan" is a song about Jack Kevorkian.

Let's go to Michigan, Battle Creek, and get us some Pop Tarts so we can eat. Let's go to Michigan and free Jack Kevorkian, let's go to Michigan and kill ourselves. I want to go to Michigan, I want to go to Michigan to die. Let's go to Michigan, Battle Creek, with a disease that we can't beat. Let's go to Michigan and free Jack Kevorkian...

"Beamer Bitch" is about a girl who ran the band members off the road one day and the band's plot to get even.

We'll slash the tires, smash the windows, put sugar in the tank, we'll give your car a face lift, that can't be fixed with paint.

The band is quick to point out that although the first part of the song relates the facts of the accident, their vengeance was never carried out.

"As far as I'm concerned, that's one of Dan's experiences that's been exaggerated way to hell," Brian interjected. "Politically and socially, that's what we're attacking," Turtle said. "As far as I'm concerned, the same political crap, over and over again, gets boring. It helps to have a little comic relief."

A Richards show is not boring. Dan's wild stage antics have turned fatal in some instances.

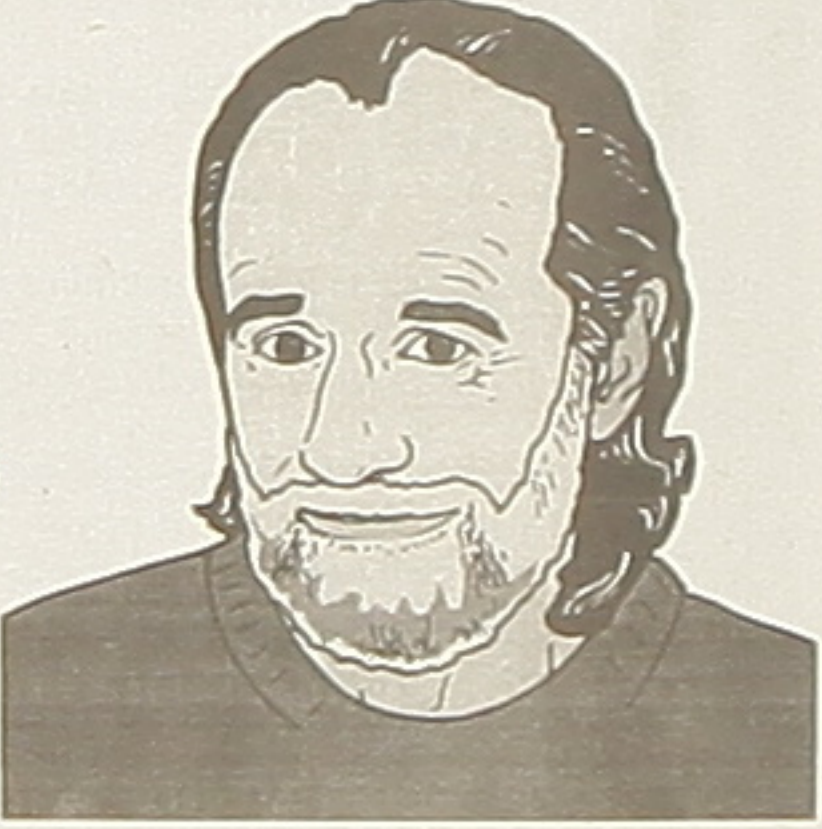
"I have five confirmed kills..." he said, "...of microphones." □

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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Clipping baby food product labels can assist the Children's Miracle Network in a big way.

In 1979, the H.J. Heinz Foundation created a label-saving program to make it easy for community members to help their local charities. More than 60 million Heinz baby food labels have been collected for charities since 1979.

Since 1987, Freeman Hospitals and Health System has collected 30,205 labels for which Heinz has donated \$1,843.85.

For more information or details, persons may call the Heinz Baby Food consumer hotline toll-free at 1-800-USA-BABY, or Jerri Sargent at the Children's Miracle Network, 417-623-2801, Ext. 4422.

The Joplin Metro Credit Union is having a rummage sale to benefit Children's Miracle Network Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at South Joplin Christian Church Annex, 1901 Pearl. All money raised will benefit local children with medical needs through Children's Miracle Network.

To donate items to the sale or to find out more information contact Kim Bonet 623-9816. □

Maple Leaf Festival, queen pageant on tap

Contestant applications for the 30th annual Maple Leaf Queen Pageant are now being accepted by the Carthage Chamber of Commerce.

The queen and her court will reign over the Maple Leaf Festival from Oct. 15-20 and will hold a place of honor in the 30th annual Maple Leaf Parade.

The pageant is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 in the Carthage Senior High School auditorium.

Contestants must be 15-20 years old, single, have a "C" average, and either live or work in Carthage.

Queen contestants will be judged in four categories: Stage presence and poise, personal interview, community involvement and scholastic achievement, and talent. The talent presentation may be any creative expression, including art work.

The queen will receive a crown, a plaque, roses, and a \$500 scholarship good toward the college of her choice. This scholarship is sponsored by Beindiek Insurance Company and Boatmen's Bank of Southwest Missouri. The first runner-up will receive a crown, plaque, roses and a \$100 scholarship by Duffy Distributors, Inc. The second runner-up will receive the same prizes, with her scholarship sponsored by *The Joplin Globe*.

Entry forms are available at the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, 107 E. Third, the Carthage Senior High School office, Bob's IGA, and Boatmen's Bank. Registration deadline is Oct. 7. An application fee of \$30 is to be provided by each contestant's business sponsor. If a contestant has no sponsor, the Chamber will provide one.

For more information, persons may contact the Carthage Chamber of Commerce at 358-2373 or Linda McIntosh, pageant chairman, at 359-7116. □

Please Let Me Live to hold Life Chain

In 1,000 cities throughout the United States and Canada Sunday, people will join in Life Chains, praying for the end of abortion and holding signs.

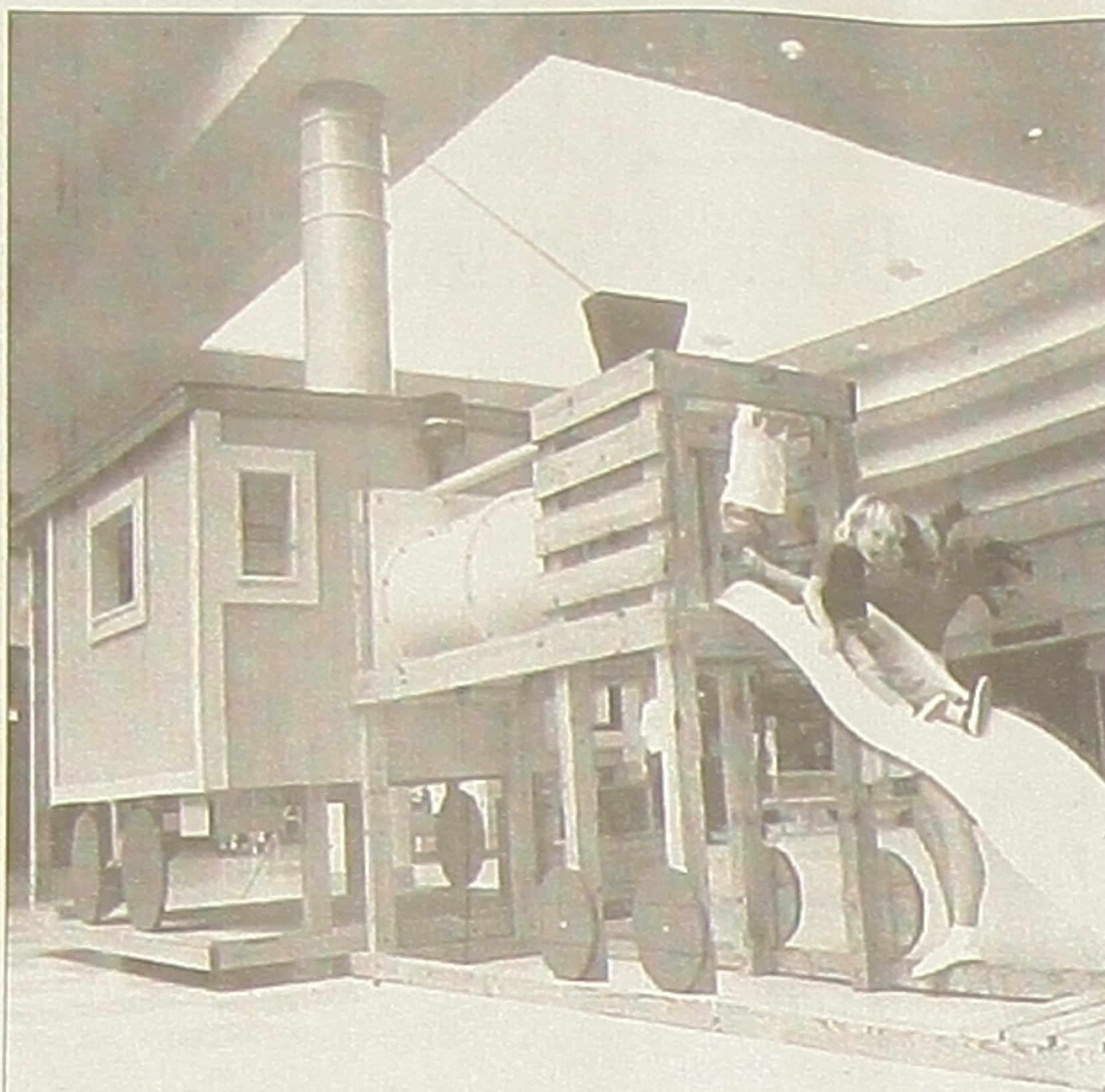
Please Let Me Live was the organization that began the life chain in 1986 in Yuba City, Calif., with 2,500 people.

Attendees of the Life Chain will gather on Range Line and Seventh Street in Joplin, forming a cross from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is the fifth year for the event.

For more information, persons may call Deana Maurer at 659-8944. □

JOPLIN R-8 FOUNDATION

Play home auction benefits Foundation



By TAMMY SPICER
STAFF WRITER

Imagine several children running wild through a newly tiled room, past the blooming flower pots on the sturdy front porch.

The youngsters constantly turn the attractive porch light on and off and they drag their dirty hands all over the pastel Victorian wallpaper.

Imagine all of this, and then imagine not getting mad — at least while visiting the Northpark Mall.

Seven realistic play houses have been on display to prepare for an auction at 3 p.m. Sunday.

"All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Joplin R-8 Foundation and several local vocational building programs," said Peggy Lentz, executive officer of the Home Builders Association of Southwest Missouri, organizer of the second annual "Parade of Play Homes."

Northpark Mall donated the space in the Famous-Barr court, and local television and radio stations provide public service announcements at no charge to help publicize the event.

"Each house is built by a local contractor," Lentz said. "And every builder seeks his own suppliers for their project."

"Last year we sold six houses and we raised about \$13,000," Lentz said.

"One man bought five of the houses. I think he kept two for his family and donated the rest to area churches and schools."

Joplin's Shelby McDonald, 3, gets a push from her sister Kelli, 2, Tuesday afternoon at Northpark Mall as they sample one of the houses to be auctioned to help the R-8 Foundation.

TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

HEIMLICH MANEUVER—

Webb City coach saves student's life

By AARON DESLATTÉ
STAFF WRITER

Choking under pressure is an all-too-common occurrence in sports, but one Webb City coach has given the experience a whole new meaning.

Last month, junior varsity volleyball coach Kanda Kiser was in the middle of a match when she noticed that Charlie Jennings, the junior varsity team manager, had something caught in his throat and couldn't breathe.

"He was eating Skittles and got choked on one," said varsity coach Sarah Wall.

"He ran down to the bench where Kanda and I were sitting."

"When we figured out that he was choking, Kanda got up and performed the Heimlich on him about three times."

Kiser, a senior physical education major, was taught the Heimlich maneuver in a first-aid class at Missouri Southern. And, although she admits that while in the classroom she never thought it would be a necessary tool, when faced with the actual crisis she didn't hesitate to put her instruction to good use.

"I didn't even think about it," Kiser said. "But I got scared after the third time I did it and nothing happened."

Fearing for Jennings' life, the coaches prepared to take another course of action.

"We were getting ready to take him into the boys locker room and try again, because the game was still going on," Wall said.

"But the last time she really gave him one, and the Skittle just came flying out across the gym floor."

No one was injured by the speeding projectile, and the game was not disrupted.

With the obstruction cleared, Jennings recovered quickly and was able to return to his duties.

Although many students at Webb City High School regard the incident as humorous, no one is taking Kiser's actions halfheartedly.

"It's funny now, but it wasn't at the time. She saved his life," Wall said.

"He could not breathe. You just never realize that something like that is going to happen until it does." □



Kiser

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Pizza parlor proves it's a jungle out there

By AARON DESLATTÉ
STAFF WRITER

As if the food wasn't enough, a local pizza parlor is utilizing a new tactic to attract business.

Tarzan Pizza and Jungle Gym, 2331 E. Seventh St., has been open for nearly three months and is distinguishing itself by not only the food but by the recreational facilities it provides for customers.

"We decided to do it because pizza parlors are pizza parlors," said owner Rodney Hall. "There weren't any restaurants in town that really had anything to offer for the kids."

In addition to the jungle gym, Tarzan Pizza also offers a video arcade that Hall said helps to provide a family atmosphere.

"We thought it would be something that would appeal to the whole family," he said. "There's really something for everybody."

Tarzan Pizza and Jungle Gym is located in what once was the R&M restaurant, although Hall said most customers would not know it from the inside.

"Locations are kind of hard to come by in Joplin, so when this place became available we decided to come in and totally renovate it," Hall said. "It looks nothing like the old restaurant. We've made a lot of improvements."

Tarzan Pizza plans to extend services in the near future to include delivery and student discounts. □

Heather Jones, 2, Joplin, compares her hands to those on the birthday wall. People who have birthday parties at Tarzan get to leave their paws in paint on the wall.

MICHELLE CONTI/The Chart

CITY GOVERNMENT

MML convention showcases Joplin

1,000 people converge on city for business, learning, fun

By TAMMY SPICER
STAFF WRITER

If you had some trouble finding a hotel room last week, it may have been due to the approximately 1,000 people who gathered in Joplin for the 62nd annual Missouri Municipal League (MML) Conference.

"This is the first time this convention has been held in Joplin," said Bill Johnson, deputy director of the MML. "We usually have it in St. Louis, Kansas City, or Jefferson City."

Joplin Mayor Ron Richard said the convention is usually held in a major metropolitan area.

"You know we've arrived as a city when it comes here," he said.

Invited to the annual event are members of the MML, which include approximately 585 cities. The cities are represented by their leaders and various officials.

"The smallest member city has 15 people and the largest is Kansas City," Johnson said.

The four-day gathering consisted of three major parts: education, policy development, and networking.

The conference took place in the John Q. Hammons Trade Center and the Holiday Inn. Most of the social events centered around the trade center in order to direct attention to the exhibits being displayed by vendors from all over the state.

One of the displays was coordinated by the Joplin Convention and Visitors Bureau, which also played a large part in preparing the city for conference-goers, according to Terry Triplett, bureau director.

"We have known the conference was coming for about four years," Triplett said.

"We have a lot to be proud of in Joplin," Richard said. "This is a good opportunity to showcase our city." □

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VISIT: Shovels mark start

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opportunities and also helps meet our needs to make the state safe," he said.

Carnahan touted the criminal justice program as one of the great improvements the state has made. Because of programs like Southern's, Missouri's national police training ranking has increased from 50th to 23rd since 1992.

"One of the cornerstones of my administration has been public safety," Carnahan said.

Prior to Carnahan's remarks, Board of Regents President Glenn Wilson prefaced the governor's statements by touting the Carnahan as an executive who has made a difference.

"The governor has clearly demonstrated his devotion to education and criminal justice," Wilson said.

The governor, who arrived 15 minutes later than scheduled, still managed to squeeze in time to tour the current building's facilities.

Besides seeing the shooting range, crime lab, and a computer program that identifies bullet casings, the governor also took aim

with a laser-guided gun and video program.

The program is supposed to help students practice their shooting skills in an animated setting. After three unsuccessful tries with the mock weapon, Carnahan shrugged off his failure to hit the target.

"I was trying to shoot low," he said as he handed the gun back to Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology.

When Carnahan spoke about Missouri's police training ranking jump, he lauded state Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), who Carnahan said was largely responsible for the change. Singleton was on hand at the ground-breaking ceremonies also.

Now that work has begun on the Justice Center, Singleton is moving onto other College and area needs.

"We've outgrown the allied health building," Singleton said. "We need to expand it."

Also on the senator's list is the possibility of splitting the Missouri Highway Patrol's Springfield-stationed Troop D. Singleton said a feasibility study should be done to bring a troop to Joplin. □

WHAT TIME IS IT?



Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan checks his watch while waiting to commence the ground-breaking of the Justice Center additions.

SIGNS: MCC admits fault

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also participated with a sign urging students not to vote for the criminal justice nominees.

Although last week's pranks were acknowledged as so and apologies were made to the respective parties, the air hasn't completely cleared. There are still some negative outlooks on the matter.

"It just seems at times the criminal justice majors face a bias on campus," said Derrick Good, senior criminal justice major and member of the Student Senate. "It's hard sometimes because if you say you are a CJ major, you're automatically an outsider."

Good said the negative feelings toward criminal justice majors have gotten worse in the last two or three years.

"I think because our instructors encourage us to participate [in Homecoming elections], a lot of people take it personally," he said. "But we are just in it for the fun."

Good said he participates in nine organizations on campus, each one supporting nominees for Homecoming.

"Of course I want to see my groups win, but I don't want to see them doing stuff like that."

Kim Jones, senior criminal justice queen candidate and Student Senate member, said she thought the derogatory signs were rude, but at the same time she acknowledged the other organizations' "freedom of speech."

"A lot of people did think it was rude and juvenile, but there was really nothing we could do about it," she said.

Dr. Jay Moorman, MCC adviser, said the students in his club immediately brought the matter to his attention.

"They said, 'We may have made a mistake' by putting up a poster that may be perceived in a negative light by criminal justice, and they immediately took it down," he said.

Moorman said he called Carnahan and apologized and assumed it "was no big deal," that the matter had blown over.

"I think they were just trying to be creative, but realized they had crossed the line," Moorman said. "It is a challenge to get enough votes to make the election exciting." □

MISSOURI CONSTITUTION TEST

For students who need to take the test on the Missouri Constitution, please observe the following schedule.

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Sports SCOPE

Soccer Lions face 'do or die' matchups

Things have gone well this year for the soccer Lions — almost too well. With a 7-2 overall record and a series of games slated for this weekend, Southern has much to lose, so the pressure is on. Over-shadowed by the football team's No. 4 national ranking, the soccer squad is quietly destroying opponents left and right.



Dan Wiszkon
Staff Writer

Whether the Lions can continue this kind of mastery against conference foes remains to be seen, but the chance to really prove themselves is soon at hand.

Southern might have lost the most important game of the season and the MIAA crown by falling 2-1 to conference powerhouse Truman State University Saturday, which goes to show that a brilliant season record is useless if you can't rack up some victories against schools in your own conference.

This upcoming weekend can either make or break the whole season. Southern can't afford to blow Sunday's contest against conference opponent Lincoln University at the McDonald's Southern Shootout. However, the Lions have three big factors working in their favor.

■ 1. Southern is undefeated on its home field this season, which should give the Lions a psychological advantage.

■ 2. Lincoln plays the University of Central Arkansas Saturday at Southern, which provides an excellent opportunity to scout the Blue Tigers a day before the big game.

■ 3. The Lions' depth should provide some fresh players against a tired Lincoln team.

Southern's freshmen attack must remain constant in order for the team to survive. Sure, the Lions have the youth and ability to get stronger from year to year, but I feel they have everything to win it all right now.

This team has played through some tough injuries to key players, which is the mark of a winner. The loss of sophomore midfielder Matt Cearnal (broken leg) for the rest of the season may be a blessing in disguise. This forces Cook to experiment and dabble with new players in search of finding even better combinations.

Overall, this season has shown the second year coach's skill at putting together a solid program of which Southern can be proud. His recruitment of such newcomers as forward Ryan Rupar and goalkeeper Ben Butler have already paid huge dividends. The Lions, who relied on Todd Eaton for much of their offense last year, now have a balanced attack capable of beating just about anyone.

Cook has snatched up soccer talent from some great high school teams in the region. These freshmen acknowledge the team's leaders and look forward to the challenge for more playing time. This is a team that could win it now but will most likely have to settle for next year.

"We have a young team with experience," said freshman defender Tom Holland. "A lot of our freshmen this year will let us. We are really confident about the future." □

Dan Wiszkon

NATIONAL DIVISION II POLL

Win catapults Lions to No. 4



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Quarterback Brad Cornelsen prepares to hand the ball off as strong guard Joe Strech leads the way for in Saturday's win over CMSU.

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Missouri Southern football Lions have jumped 10 spots to No. 4 in the NCAA Division II polls after upending Central Missouri State 42-29 in the Lions' home opener Saturday.

The Lions are tied for fourth with Valdosta (Ga.) State, behind No. 1 Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 4-0, No. 2 Indiana (Pa.) 3-0, and No. 3 Central Oklahoma (3-0).

"I'm shocked, amazed, and confused," said Southern head coach Jon Lantz. "I really don't understand why we jumped 10 spots in the poll. Pittsburg State won big and dropped [from seventh to ninth]. I don't understand that either."

Missouri Southern's previous best rating in the NCAA Division II polls was sixth in 1993, the Lions' MIAA championship season.

Sophomore quarterback Brad

Cornelsen said he was surprised about this week's polls, but sees no signs of a letdown for the Lions heading into the University of Missouri-Rolla game Saturday.

"I think the team realizes what we need to do," Cornelsen said. "I don't think it is going to make any difference. But everybody was surprised [about the ranking]."

Perhaps more importantly than the No. 4 national ranking, Southern (3-0, 2-0 in the MIAA) now holds the No. 1 spot in the six-team Midwest Region rankings. Trailing the Lions in the region are South Dakota (4-0), Pittsburg State (2-1), North Dakota State (2-1), Northwest Missouri (4-0), and Northern Colorado (3-1). Northwest Missouri State, a member of the MIAA, moved into the No. 18 slot in the NCAA Division II polls.

"Our first three opponents have a combined record of 4-8," Lantz said.

"If anyone in our league de-

DIVISION II TOP 20

1. Carson-Newman
2. Indiana (Pa.)
3. Central Oklahoma
4. Missouri Southern Valdosta State (Ga.)
5. Texas A&M - Commerce
6. Saginaw Valley State South Dakota
7. Pittsburg State
8. West Chester (Pa.)
9. Texas A&M - Kingsville
10. North Carolina Central
11. North Dakota State
12. West Georgia
13. Ferris State (Mich.)
14. Angelo State (Texas)
15. Northern Michigan
16. Calatwa (N.C.)
17. Northwest Missouri
18. UC Davis

serves a lofty rating, it probably would be Northwest Missouri State. They've beaten two North Central Conference teams and two MIAA teams handily." □

FOOTBALL

Squad to square off against Miners

Owens' interception halts Mules' 4th-quarter charge, ensures Southern victory

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Even though four turnovers nearly cost Missouri Southern in Saturday's home opener, it was an interception by cornerback Marque Owens that clinched the Lions' 42-29 victory at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

The win improved Southern's record to 3-0 overall (2-0 in the MIAA) and pushed the team's NCAA Division II ranking 10 spots to No. 4.

The loss dropped CMSU to 2-2 overall (0-2 in the MIAA). The victory also marked the first time Southern has held a 3-0 record since 1983.

Owens' interception on Southern's 18-yard line stymied a CMSU drive with less than three minutes left in the game and the Mules trailing 35-29.

"It is certainly one of the bigger interceptions anyone has had around here in a while," said head coach Jon Lantz.

Southern's offense rattled off 28 points in the first half, 20 points coming in the first

quarter, while outgaining the Mules 231-7 in the opening quarter. Lantz said he was surprised both teams put points on the board so early.

"I thought both teams' defenses were better than that going into the game," he said. "I surely would not have thought their defense would give up 42 points."

Lantz said senior tight end Brad Hocker, who caught seven passes for 127 yards, a touchdown, and two-point conversion, was the hero for week three.

"This was a real big game for him," Lantz said. "He had a lot of family down here tonight, and I know he felt good about coming through for us in the clutch."

Also leading Southern's offensive charge were junior tailback Wallace Clay and sophomore quarterback Brad Cornelsen, who combined for 439 of the Lions' 542 total yards.

Clay finished the game with 155 yards and one touchdown on 23 carries, while Cornelsen scampered for 55 yards on the ground. He completed 17 of 23 passes for 232 yards and three touchdowns.

"Our offense basically starts with Cornelsen — and stops with Cornelsen," Lantz said. "He can do a lot of things and is hard to defend. I hate to sound like a broken record, but he is definitely the difference when you look at us from an offensive

standpoint. But more importantly, he has gone three games without an interception, and I am just really glad he is on our side-line."

And even though Cornelsen may be the go-to guy in the Lions' offense, Clay has begun to make a name for himself in the backfield. Clay leads the Lions in rushing with 362 yards.

"He is a real good person to coach, and he plays really hard" Lantz said. "He is just one of those guys who just keeps stepping up and making the big plays."

Now Southern will be forced to leave the friendly confines of Hughes Stadium and face a rowdy Homecoming crowd at the University of Missouri-Rolla Saturday.

The Miners (2-2, 0-2 in the MIAA) have dropped their last two games since opening the season 2-0. Last week, UMR allowed Northwest Missouri State to score 28 second-half points in a 56-21 Bearcat victory.

Lantz admits UMR's Jackling Field has not been a friendly place for the Lions in past seasons. In 1994, Southern fell to the Miners 21-17 in a game he remembers being just plain "weird."

"We always seem to play their Homecoming," Lantz said. "They are much improved with this quarterback transfer [Dick] Van Anne. They seem to always get up for us

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Missouri Southern
LIONS vs.
University of Missouri-Rolla
MINERS

RECORDS: Missouri Southern 3-0
Missouri-Rolla 2-2

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 5, 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Rolla, Missouri

and play us really tough. There are no blow-outs in this league."

UMR head coach Jim Anderson said the key to the Miners' game Saturday will be to play four solid quarters.

"In our two previous conference games we played pretty tough in the first half," Anderson said. "But then we got stymied in both games in the second half. We are going to have to play four solid quarters if we want to beat Missouri Southern."

Running back Russell Zung led UMR with 35 yards rushing on 11 attempts against Northwest, while Van Anne passed for 247 yards. □

VOLLEYBALL

Jennies steamroll Lady Lions

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Hopes of emerging as the MIAA champs fell Wednesday night as Missouri Southern fell to perennial powerhouse Central Missouri State (17-1 overall, 6-0 MIAA) in three straight games.

The Lady Lions (7-6 overall, 3-3 MIAA) lost 15-8, 15-4, and 15-6.

Mistakes both offensively and defensively cost Southern many opportunities.

"We just made too many errors," head coach Debbie Traywick said. "This was one of our poorest outings for us all season. Everything broke down for us."

Junior hitter Stephanie Gockley echoed her coach saying her team should accept the blame for the loss.

"We just beat ourselves," she said. "They swung at the ball and we didn't. They hit everything, and we didn't hit anything."

Southern's three leading hitters (Gockley, senior Neely Burkhart, and junior Kristen Harris) added a few bright spots, amassing nine kills each. Defensively, junior hitter Kristen Harris had six digs and two blocks. Junior Paige Maycock had two blocks as well.

Gockley said although the loss hurts, the season isn't over.

"It doesn't affect us, as far as the rest of the season goes," she said. "We go to Arkansas (Henderson State Classic, Arkadelphia, Ark.) this weekend."

"From here on out we're going to kick everybody's butt."

Traywick agreed with Gockley in that the match didn't mean the end of the season.

"In volleyball you have to recover and move on," Traywick said. "In volleyball you have 30 to 40 matches per year; it's not like football where you only play 11 or 12."

Traywick said she will continue to use her bench and is confident it will help her team. One particular player, freshman hitter Meredith Hyde, has worked her way into a starting role.

"Meredith is an excellent recruit and quite a player," Traywick said. "When she came she was extremely versatile; she could hit right side or left side."

"It took us a while to find her a spot. We needed consistency in the outside spot, and she has brought us consistency."

The Lady Lions return to Young Gymnasium at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 to play Southwest Baptist University. □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Meredith Hyde, freshman outside hitter, digs a ball during Missouri Southern's 3-0 loss to the Central Missouri Jennies Wednesday night.

SOCCER

Squad to host McDonald's Southern Shootout this weekend

By DAN WISZKON
STAFF WRITER

This weekend spawns two do or die games for Southern's soccer season.

The Lions will host the McDonald's Southern Shootout starting with a game against the University of Central Arkansas at 4 p.m. Friday. Southern defeated the Bears 1-0 earlier this season.

"I think we're going in confident, coming off the victory at Drury," freshman defender Tom Holland

said. "We want to show Central Arkansas that we're the better team."

Head coach Jim Cook wants his players to scout the Lincoln University Blue Tigers during its game against Central Arkansas Saturday in preparation for Sunday's 1 p.m. conference contest.

"Coach wants us to look for style and focus our game on that," Holland said. "The first 10 to 15 minutes of a game tells us a lot about a team's offense. We have to

modify our play to beat Lincoln's style."

After a 2-1 loss to conference rival Truman State University on Saturday, hopes for a conference championship look slim despite a 7-2 record. Junior midfielder Kevin Terrono netted the only goal for Southern.

Southern rebounded Tuesday to post a 3-2 win over Drury College in Springfield. Ryan Rupar, Justin Buerge, and Brian Cochran scored goals for Southern, which was outshot by Drury 12-6.

Although it was a non-conference match-up, the game meant a lot because Drury beat Northeastern Oklahoma State University earlier in the season. Northeastern shut out the Lions 2-0 on Sept. 10.

Holland said the Lions stepped up their play in the second half and beat Drury to the majority of battles for loose balls. He said the team's depth has been an advantage all season long.

"Coach's always got five or six guys who can come in and play any position when someone needs

a breather," Holland said. "We have a lot of depth."

Holland said all eyes will be on Truman State University's game against the University of Missouri-Rolla on Oct. 26. A win by UMR may catapult Southern back into the MIAA race.

"We still have a chance at winning the championship," Holland said, "but it's small."

Southern will get some time off after the tournament before hosting Bartlesville Wesleyan at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. □

“She gave me the chance to go out and play... she really helped me out.”

Walk-on becomes specialist

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Next time you go to see the Missouri Southern volleyball in action, take note. When the score is tight and the game is on the line, the Lady Lions look to senior defensive specialist Brandy Vanderman.

“I am strictly a defensive specialist,” she said, “which basically means I don’t make a full rotation. When I come in, my main job is to dig spikes and pass the ball.”

Vanderman, who hails from Adrian, Mo., said she had much to learn coming in as a freshman.

So much, in fact, that she was not offered a scholarship to join the squad. However, her on-the-court performances have led the way for more and more scholarship money.

“My high school is pretty small,” she said, “and I was used to a much slower game.”

“It took me a full season just to get used to that. It was really rough at first.”

Vanderman said head coach Debbie Traywick has been a driving force in her life since she came to Southern in 1993. Traywick is a major reason she was able to make it through that initially tough freshman season.

“I have a lot of respect for Coach Traywick,” Vanderman said. “She gave me the chance to go out and play when most coaches would have dropped me after the first week. She really helped me out.”

Traywick said that the chance was not given, but earned.

“Brandy is a hard worker,” she said. “In fact, her work ethic is probably her strongest point.”

“She walked on, worked hard, and earned herself a scholarship, and playing time. She’s just a great kid to coach.”

Vanderman, a criminal justice major, said the reputation of the program at Southern was another reason she chose to come.

“Anywhere you go in Missouri, people know about Southern’s criminal justice program,” she said. “That’s what I want to do, so I figured where better to go.”

As important as her role is on the court, Vanderman sees her role off the court to be equally important.

As the secretary of Southern’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes, she puts in several hours a week managing the club’s calendar and financial situation. Closer to her heart, though, Vanderman says the FCA helps her manage her own Christian walk.

“The FCA huddle here on campus is very important to me,” she said.

“It helps me to walk the straight line, because it helps me to remember that as an athlete there is always somebody watching me.”

“It’s also important to me because it is where I draw a lot of my strength from. If I have a bad practice or a bad game, then I know the people at FCA will be there to pick me up.”

“I really don’t know how people who don’t have something like it can make it, but I do know that they are missing out on a lot of fun and happiness.”

Southern’s FCA huddle leader is Cindy Wolfe. Wolfe, also the intramural director, is often pressed for time and said she has come to depend on Vanderman quite heavily.

“Brandy has really done an excellent job as secretary,” she said. “She really has everything very well organized and oftentimes has to get me straightened out. More to the point, though, she is a very firm Christian.”

“That’s something you don’t see as often as you should. I really appreciate that in her. She, along with the entire executive board, is just an excellent Christian example.” Vanderman said she had her goals set for this season and is determined to see them through.

“I want to hang a banner in the gym,” she said. “that would be awesome.” We’ve started out a little slow, but we are going to pick it up and see this thing through.

“This is just a great team, and if any team could go all the way, this is it. We all go out there everyday and really put it on the line for each other. I’m really glad I’ve been able to be a part of it.” □

Senior defensive specialist Brandy Vanderman has earned a regular role on the Lady Lion roster since joining Missouri Southern as a walk-on four years ago.

P. NICHOLAS PARKER/
The Chart

Southern Scoreboard

The scores, stats, and numbers every Lions fan should know.

FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings as of Sept. 28

	Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1. Northwest Missouri (18)	4-0	2-0
2. Missouri Southern (4)	3-0	2-0
3. Pittsburg State (9)	2-1	2-0
4. Truman State	2-2	2-0
5. Washburn	1-2	1-1
6. Emporia State	1-3	1-1
7. Central Missouri	2-2	0-2
8. Missouri-Rolla	2-2	0-2
9. Missouri Western	2-2	0-2
10. Southwest Baptist	0-3	0-2

MIAA Results

SEPT. 28 RESULTS
Missouri-Rolla 21, @ Northwest Missouri 56
Central Missouri State 29, @ Missouri Southern 42
Washburn 21, @ Truman State 38
Emporia State 30, @ Missouri Western 14
Southwest Baptist 20, @ Pittsburg State 49

NCAA Division II Football Poll

SCHOOL	PREVIOUS
1. CARSON-NEWMAN (TENN)	2
2. INDIANA (PA.)	3
3. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	6
4. TIE — MISSOURI SOUTHERN	14
5. VALDOSTA STATE (GA.)	9
6. TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE	7
7. TIE — SAGINAW VALLEY (MICH)	10
8. SOUTH DAKOTA	19
9. PITTSBURG STATE	7
10. WEST CHESTER (PA.)	11
11. TEXAS A&M KINGSVILLE	12
12. NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	20
13. NORTH DAKOTA STATE	1
14. WEST GEORGIA	13
15. FERRIS STATE (MICH.)	18
16. ANGELO STATE (TEXAS)	16
17. NORTHERN MICHIGAN	NOT RANKED
18. TIE — CATAWBA	11
19. NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE	11
20. UC DAVIS	6

MIAA Schedule

SATURDAY’S SCHEDULE
Missouri Southern @ Missouri-Rolla
Missouri Western @ Southwest Baptist
Northwest Missouri @ Central Missouri
Truman State @ Pittsburg State
Emporia State @ Washburn

VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings as of Sept. 28

	Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1. Central Missouri	16-1	5-0
2. Emporia State	14-7	4-1
3. Truman State	11-7	4-1
4. Missouri Southern	7-5	3-2
5. Northwest Missouri	10-7	2-2
6. Pittsburg State	5-10	2-3
7. Washburn	4-6	1-4
8. Missouri Western	3-15	1-4
9. Southwest Baptist	4-5	0-5

MIAA Results

SEPT. 25 RESULTS
@ NORTHWEST MISSOURI 3, BENEDICTINE (KAN.) 0
@ EMPORIA STATE 3, MISSOURI SOUTHERN 1
@ WASHBURN 3, MISSOURI WESTERN 0
@ CENTRAL MISSOURI 3, TRUMAN STATE 1

SEPT. 27 RESULTS
Missouri Western Invitational
North Alabama 3, Northwest Missouri 1
North Alabama 3, Missouri Western 0
South Dakota State 3, Northwest Missouri 0
Missouri Western 3, Drury (Mo.) 1
@ Peru (Neb.) State 3, Washburn 1

SEPT. 28 RESULTS
Missouri Western Invitational
South Dakota State 3, Missouri Western 0
North Alabama 3, Emporia State 2
Missouri Western 3, Drury (Mo.) 1
South Dakota State 3, Emporia State 0

MIAA Schedule

FRIDAY’S SCHEDULE
Central Missouri, Missouri Southern, Truman State @ Henderson (Ark.) State Classic
SATURDAY’S SCHEDULE
Central Missouri, Missouri Southern, Truman State @ Henderson (Ark.) State Classic

SOCCER

MIAA Standings as of Sept. 8

	Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1. Truman State	5-3	1-0
2. Missouri-Rolla	4-3-1	1-0
3. Lincoln	2-5	0-0
4. Missouri Southern	6-2	0-1
5. Southwest Baptist	2-6	0-1

MIAA Schedule

FRIDAY’S SCHEDULE
Central Arkansas @ Missouri Southern
TRUMAN STATE VS. GANNON (PA.) @ ST. LOUIS
MISSOURI BAPTIST @ MISSOURI-ROLLA

SATURDAY’S SCHEDULE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY VS. CENTRAL ARKANSAS @ JOPLIN
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN

MIAA Results

SATURDAY’S RESULTS
@ TRUMAN STATE 2, MISSOURI SOUTHERN 1
@ SOUTHWEST BAPTIST 1, MISSOURI-ROLLA 2

MIAA Athletes of the Week

FOOTBALL (OFFENSE)
Jarrett Anderson, Truman, TB
Pete Jelovic, ESU, QB

FOOTBALL (DEFENSE)
Richard Jordan, MSSC, LB/DE

VOLLEYBALL (HITTER)
Chris Kalehuawehe, MH, CMSU

VOLLEYBALL (SETTER)
Jennifer Pittrich, NWMSU

SOCCER
Greg Schulte, M, UMR

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
Mike Hronick, Truman

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
Kathy Kearns, NWMSU

This Week

■ **Volleyball**
Friday— Missouri Southern at Henderson (Ark.) State Classic, TBA

■ **Football**
Saturday —Missouri Southern at Missouri-Rolla, 1:30 p.m.

■ **Cross Country**
Saturday— Missouri Southern at Southwest Missouri State, TBA

■ **Volleyball**
Saturday — Missouri Southern at Henderson (Ark.) State Classic, TBA

■ **Soccer**
Sunday — Missouri Southern hosts Lincoln University, 1 p.m.

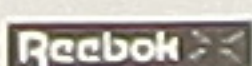
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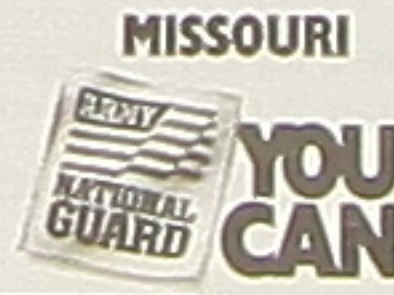
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Three LIONS and their cubs

Defensive lineman Steve Halvorson dwarfs his 2-year-old son, Joshua. Halvorson is engaged to marry Daniele Ortiz, also pictured.

JOHN SMITH/The Chart



Halvorson's priorities have changed

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Priorities have changed for senior Lion Steve Halvorson; two years ago, football stood atop his list.

Now, Halvorson is a father and husband-to-be. He and his fiancée, Daniele Ortiz, have learned to organize two lives and one car around the life of their 2-year-old son, Joshua.

"I've learned responsibility more than anything," he said. "I had to learn time management. Every night we sit down and set up a schedule. I will definitely take what I have learned on through the rest of my life. I know I've learned sooner than I had to, but I don't have any regrets."

While Halvorson is at Missouri Southern and Joshua is at a day-care center, Daniele works. Halvorson said sometimes while he is taking care of Joshua and Daniele is at work he feels like Mr. Mom.

"It's stressful, kind of like raising a family," Daniele said. "I pay the bills and make sure everything is taken care of. It's kind of a roll reversal from most families."

Both Halvorson and Ortiz said they have received considerable support from their friends, family, teammates, and coaches. Halvorson said his friends on the team are kind of like uncles to Joshua.

Head football coach Jon Lantz found it easy to understand what it was like having a family while still in school. When he was 20 and a junior at Panhandle (Okla.) State, Lantz started a family of his own. He said he could understand the difficulties, especially the financial ones.

There are three players on Lantz's team with families. He said he has been impressed with the way they have handled it.

"I think the situation helps the team in some ways," he said. "On one hand you've got a bunch of 18-year-old freshmen who are still in a high school mentality. And then on the other hand, you've got some married guys who bring a stabilizing influence to the team. It's no coincidence these guys are leaders. I've been amazed at the way they've handled it. They can make it work; they just have to prioritize."

Halvorson and Ortiz said keeping the finances straight was the most difficult part of being a young family. Halvorson said at times he feels as if they are just treading water, but he knows things will get better after he graduates.

Even though it has been difficult, Halvorson said he never thought about leaving football. He and Ortiz says it will get a little easier when this, his final season, is over.

"Any extra-curricular activity will take a lot of time," she said. "Some people don't realize the time activities take up. He doesn't practice on Mondays, but I work. It seems like we never have a day off together."

Even though they are young, both parents said they believe they are successful as parents.

"Some people say 'You're too young, and you won't make it,'" Halvorson said. "We feel like we've proved them wrong. We've really grown as a family."

Ortiz echoed her future husband's words.

"I think we are great parents and have a wonderful family," she said. "We do as good a job as anyone that's older than us." □



RICK ROGERS/The Chart
Missouri Southern tailback Wallace Clay hands off to his 5-year-old son, Kenneth, with protection up front from his wife, Arlonda. Wallace and Arlonda, high school sweethearts, were married May 25.

Fatherhood gives Clay direction

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Who says high school sweetheart relationships don't last? Well, don't ask Wallace and Arlonda Clay — because theirs did on May 25, 1996 — their wedding day. On that day, the Clays watched their eighth-grade romance at Lawton (Okla.) Junior High School turn into a life-long commitment, proving that "puppy love" can turn into "true love" — and the responsibility of raising their 5-year-old son, Kenneth.

Wallace, a junior physical education major, is not only a newlywed and a father, but the Missouri Southern football Lions' premiere tailback this season. Arlonda, a junior psychology major, is looking into the fields of teaching or counseling after graduation.

The Clays do not view their relationship as unusual or abnormal — but old-fashioned.

"I always thought about marrying someone back home," Wallace said, "and marrying someone that I really liked back in high school. I have always been very set in my ways. I guess you could say I am an old man."

It all began when the stocky ball carrier spotted a photo of Arlonda in the Miss Teen Oklahoma competition in a local newspaper and swore to his mother she would be the woman he would eventually marry.

"My mom just blew me off," he admits. "And now she just sits back and laughs because she can't believe it really happened."

But Arlonda's story is slightly different. "I couldn't have imagined us eventually getting married back then," she said.

In the decade the couple has been together, Arlonda said she has not only watched Wallace become stronger on the football field, but also as a person.

"I have watched him grow," she said. "But I must admit he has gotten better on the field, and he certainly has gotten bigger."

Time management is the one thing the couple agree is essential for any newlyweds trying to support a family and attend college. Wallace proclaims "balance" as the key in their relationship.

"It's hard, but we just try to suck it up and manage our time real well," Wallace said. "She works

sometimes, and I have my football. So, we both just try to carry the load and even it out to where we spend quality time between each of us."

But not only has Wallace's mindset changed after May 25, 1996, so has his performance on the football field.

"I'm glad I got married because I guess you could say that it settled me down," he said smiling to his wife. "Some of the things I probably was doing before I was married and don't do now."

Wallace said he wasn't eating healthy, working out regularly, or focusing on his performance on and off the field, all things Arlonda will happily admit she has had a major impact on since their marriage.

"I cook, so whatever I cook he eats," she said. "She tries to buy me fruits and salads and stuff," Wallace replied.

"She really tries to lead me in the right way so I can be prepared for the games."

Since his marriage, Wallace said his responsibility chart has gone through an extensive overhaul, knowing his acts will reflect upon his family and not just himself.

"I now know that I have to do the right thing at the right time," he said. "That kind of matured me much faster than I was in the past. I felt like I was mature, but now I am mature in a 'man' way."

But Wallace admits he loves facing the challenges of raising a family.

"Raising a family has made me step up to the challenge," he said. "So, getting married has not been a problem for me. Actually, it has helped me rather than hurt me."

Unlike many football wives watching their husbands battle on the gridiron, Arlonda proclaims she does not get nervous watching Wallace — but before the game she likes to make sure Wallace is mentally prepared.

"One time she was all fired up for me, and I am like, 'Hey, you can calm down I haven't played the game yet,'" Wallace said with a big grin as if letting out a family secret.

Behind the guidance of a football workhorse and a psychology analyst, little Kenneth knows just what to do when he gets on the field.

"I am going to be a running back, and I am to run fast," he said. "I am going to be a football player." □

Raising a family has made me step up to the challenge... it has helped me rather than hurt me.

Wallace Clay
Lions' tailback

Family, football dream come true for Pierce

By GINNY DUMOND
STAFF WRITER

A promising career, a starting position on the Lions' football team, and the love of two beautiful blondes. What more could a man want?

In the case of family man and Lions' defensive back Geno Pierce, possibly nothing.

The two blondes in Pierce's life are his wife, Anne, and his son, Ollie, who turned 2 in June.

The couple, originally from Redmond, Okla., have known one another since Anne was in the sixth grade, but both agree it wasn't love at first sight.

"In fact, we didn't even start dating until I'd started college," Geno said.

After several school changes for both, the Pierce family has come to live in Joplin and is currently juggling their personal and professional goals with full-time parenthood.

"We have to fight for time with each other," Anne said. "When he's with Ollie I'm at work and when he's got football and school I've got Ollie."

"And it helps to get a babysitter every once in a while," she laughed.

Both parents agree good planning is the key to keeping up with their hectic lifestyles.

"I also credit my teammates and coaches for really being supportive of my priorities and always being there for me," Geno said. "I couldn't do this without them."

Head football coach Jon Lantz said having a family has made Geno a dependable player.

"Because of his family Geno's become the hardest worker on the team," Lantz said.

One might think the most zealous sports fanatic in the Pierce house would be Geno. This is not necessarily so.

"Ollie watches ESPN all the time," Geno said. "He knows everything for a 2-year-old to know about any sport and then some."

The littlest Pierce's first word was "ball." His favorite professional team is the Dallas Cowboys. He is a never-say-die Lions' fan with a fantastic growl. Hand this little boy a football and he will get into a stance, hike the ball, and take off running until, of course, he tackles himself.

"Twenty-six like my daddy" is little Ollie's number, and as one might have guessed, he wouldn't play anything but defense.

"I love that he's excited about sports, but I would never want to push him," Geno said. "I want him to make his own decisions about what interests him."

Geno, a psychology major, is in his last semester at Missouri Southern. In December the family will move to Tulsa, where Geno will be working with a "unique" new athletic training company.

"Hopefully this will be a little more 9-to-5 for us," Anne said. "He's going to have more than 40 hours, but at least we'll have more of a set schedule."

Some would say Geno's life is too full of stress and obligation, but for them it's all about making their dreams come true.

"I've always wanted to play college ball," Geno said.

"And he's always wanted a home and family," Anne explained.

Geno says he finds the rewards far outweigh the arguments against having all the responsibility.

"I feel like if you're really willing to sacrifice and commit and really put your heart into it," Geno said, "you can do anything." □



RICK ROGERS/The Chart
Defensive back Geno Pierce hikes the ball to his 2-year-old son, Ollie, with the help of his wife, Anne. The couple is from Redmond, Okla.